

Dear parents and carers,

Term 3 has already started and we are jumping into our new unit with both feet.

Our new topic for this term is Extreme Earth! This is an exciting unit and allows us to study dangerous and powerful events that happen around the world. We will be learning about volcanoes, tornadoes, tsunamis, floods, wildfires and polar environments. There is a lot of opportunity with this unit to link to other subjects. Cross-curricular lessons like these allow us to use our time more efficiently and make our lessons more exciting.

In Science this term, we will be studying 'Humans and other animals'. During this unit, we will cover nutrition and its uses, types of skeletons, mighty muscle groups and functions of a skeleton.

In PE, we will be taking part in a Street Dance program. These lessons will run on a Friday morning. During this unit, each child has the opportunity to earn the 'Red Award', which is a recognised standard for Street Dance.

Our RE lessons this term will focus upon the Gospels. Our children will study numerous parables and gospel stories. We will be studying what we can learn *about* them and what we can learn *from* them.

In Maths, we are using our times table knowledge to multiply two digit numbers with formal written methods. Later in the term, we are going to be working with fractions and decimals. This is my favourite element of maths and hopefully the children will soak up some of my enthusiasm.

In English, we will be focusing upon non-fiction texts. Layout of pages, use of technical words and clear explanations will all be covered in this term. This will allow us to delve into our new topic of Extreme Earth and study dangerous events in our ERIC reading sessions.

I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous new year.

Mr Bainborough.