

St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

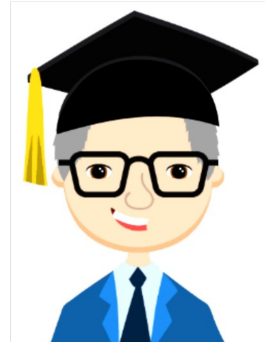


"Stand firm... be courageous" 1 Corinthians 16:13

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Welcome back to a new Spring Term 2020 in Y3 with Mr Madeley

The spring term gives scope to really develop and extend new skills to provide the basis for further learning in Key Stage 2. The children are increasingly expected to apply previously learnt skills to be more independent and responsible for their own learning using approaches of enquiry, thinking, imagination, creativity, exploration, collaboration and reflection.



Maths Homework will be set related to classwork, each Wednesday and expected back the following Monday.

Spellings will be sent home on Mondays and will be tested on the following Monday. To assist you with this we will send home the full half term list.

Things to remember:

Monday:

- Spellings set and tested
- Homework due

Wednesday:

- Homework set

Thursday:

- PE Kit

I greatly appreciate your role in supporting your child through homework activities. If there is any concern regarding your child's education or welfare, please do speak to me about it. Very often 'a nip in the bud' can prevent problems before they become bigger issues.



VOLCANOES AND EARTHQUAKES

Key Question: How is our earth made and how is it changing?

CONCEPTS

- Cycle diagrams show processes such as the rock cycle
- Fossil fuels to change their lives when they live in volcanoes and earthquakes

FACTS

- Rocks melt to make magma
- Active volcanoes are currently erupting
- Dormant volcanoes are not erupting but may do in the future
- Extinct volcanoes are blocked and will not erupt again
- The Ring of Fire is an area of the Pacific Ocean. It is home to 90% of the world's earthquakes and 75% of the world's volcanoes
- The crust of the earth is made of tectonic plates
- Earthquakes are measured using the Richter Scale
- Earthquakes happen where the plates of the earth move against each other

VOCABULARY DOZEN

- 1. **Subduction** - where one plate moves up the other
- 2. **Plate tectonics** - the study of the movement of the earth's plates
- 3. **Seismicity** - the source of an earthquake
- 4. **Seismic** - the state of the process where
- 5. **Seismic waves** - waves are carried through
- 6. **Seismicity** - the study of the plates of the earth
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Knowledge Organisers

Children will bring home a knowledge organiser for each of the subject areas this term. This provides key vocabulary, concepts and facts for the children to learn. The learning of vocabulary gives children an essential tool to allow them to write with purpose across the other areas of the curriculum. We will refer back to organisers regularly during the teaching of each unit and use it as the basis for assessment when the unit is completed.

Reading

All children should bring home their **reading book** each night as they will benefit from regular reading. Your child will be expected to read regularly at home, both independently and under adult supervision. We encourage children to enjoy their reading, to explore characterization and discuss storylines. Parents are requested to sign their child's reading record book, indicating the pages read. We encourage children to 're-re-read' each book to gain a richer understanding and appreciation of the text and content. Children will also be able to choose school library books throughout the term.

Literacy

Comprehension and Literacy Homework will be sent home each Wednesday evening.

Homework will be marked with the children in class. Children are asked to make an attempt at the homework, and work to the best of their ability. If you find that your child struggles with any aspect, please work with and encourage them, but do let me know, so areas of misunderstanding can be rectified.

Multiplication Tables are used in all aspects of maths and quick recall is vital. Please continue to practice these with your child and use the Mad Math Minute Sheets sent home. The children have tables grids in their homework books to help them to learn their tables. Children who know their tables tend to smile in maths lessons.

PE lessons are on **Thursday**. It is very important that all children have their kit in school, so that they are able to participate fully.



Reminder!

Please remember that children should only be drinking **water** in classrooms during the school day. This must be in a sports type bottle to prevent spills. Please ensure that your child has a bottle if they require extra drinks during the day.