



# Hampton College Primary Phase Topic Overview

## Year 3 Topic: Rocks, Relics and Rumbles



### Science – Rocks and Soils

Children will learn about the three different types of rock, as well as handling a range of rocks to identify and classify them according to their properties. We will learn about Mary Anning and her work in the field of palaeontology. In addition, we will make and explode volcanoes to tie in with our 'Tremors' topic.

### Religious Education

In RE, Year 3 will be looking at the celebration of Lent, learning about Ash Wednesday and why it is important to Christian faith.

### English

In English, our topic of 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles' will inspire the children's published writing. Lessons will cover a variety of text types, including poetry, a newspaper article and a story with a historical setting, based on our key text for the unit, *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. We will undertake a range of drama and role play activities.

### Art and Design

In art and design, we will make clay volcanoes and explode them with paint.

### PSHE

In PSHE, we will be looking at developing our self esteem and the ability to value our own individuality and achievements.

### Mathematics

The teaching of mathematics will continue to follow White Rose. Units covered will be multiplication and division, statistics and measurements.

Year 3 will then progress to learn about length and perimeter, applying these skills to measure height and width.

We will continue to test the children 3 times a week on their TT Rockstars.

### Physical Education

Children will complete a unit of handball for their indoor PE sessions this half term.

For outdoor PE, we will be doing Tag Rugby – please ensure that your child comes to school with suitable outdoor PE clothing for the cold weather.

### History and Geography

In history, Year 3 will be learning about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD and the city of Pompeii.

In geography, they will learn about the structure of volcanoes, identify where the Pacific 'Ring of Fire' is and learn about volcanoes around the world.

### Computing

iPads and computers will be used for research, documenting class activities and to film and assess our drama work for our 'Escape from Pompeii' story.

### Music/French

Music will be delivered fortnightly to each class by Mr Powell from the Secondary Phase. The children will continue with their weekly French lessons delivered by Miss Hardiman.