



**Year 3
Extreme Earth**



<p><u>LEARNING VALUE:</u> Commitment</p>	<p><u>HOOK/OUTCOME:</u> The main focus of this topic is to describe and understand some key aspects of physical geography. The children will be learning all about the water cycle, rivers, climate zones, mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes in a fun and practical way. We have lots of exciting activities planned to engage the children and we will be finishing off the topic by making our very own erupting volcanoes!</p>	<p><u>HOMEWORK:</u> We would like the children to choose an aspect of physical geography (volcanoes, mountains, rivers, earthquakes etc.) to research and create an informative poster telling us all about what they have found out. You can be as creative as you like with the posters and include pictures; please encourage the children to use different sources as well as the internet. We will be showcasing the posters on our display! Hand in by: Friday 8th December 2017. Please read with your child for 10 minutes a day and ask them questions about the book to check their understanding. It really does make a HUGE difference and we really value your support. Weekly Maths homework will be given on a Friday and needs to be handed in on a Monday. The children will have spelling books which need to be practised every day. The books need to come back to school EVERY DAY as we will be using them in our spelling lessons.</p>
<p><u>IMPORTANT DATES:</u> Friday 1st December: PTFA School Christmas Fayre Wednesday 13th December-Whole School Christmas Mass at Church Wednesday 13th December- Christmas lunch for the children Thursday 14th December-Panto Thursday 14th December 2:15-Year 3 Christmas Carols under the tree performance to parents in hall Friday 15th December-School closes for Christmas holidays at 1:30</p>	<p><u>STAYING SAFE:</u> In ICT, the children will be learning to check that information found online is reliable. In PSHE, the children will be learning to understand the many influences and relationships which form our world.</p>	
<p><u>MATHS:</u> This term we are going to secure our written methods on addition and subtraction of two digit numbers and practising our recall facts of the 3, 2, 5, and 10 times tables and the corresponding division facts. Also this term, we will be focussing on counting in 4's, $\frac{1}{4}$'s, and 1/10's. We will be using and applying our knowledge in different contexts.</p>	<p><u>LITERACY:</u> We will start the term continuing to develop our story writing through the use of fantasy stories. The children will be developing their use of detail through using adjectives, descriptive phrases and extending their sentences using connectives and connective phrases such as: and, but, because, however, after a while, before long etc. The children will use the knowledge they have learnt in Geography and apply this in their non-fiction writing when they will continue to learn about the features of a non-chronological report.</p>	
<p><u>RE:</u> This unit explores the twin themes of peace and forgiveness expressed both by Jesus and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children will develop their knowledge of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as an understanding of what Jesus taught about forgiveness in the story of Zacchaeus.</p>	<p><u>TOPIC:</u> This topic allows us to explore the key aspects of physical geography in an exciting way. The children will be using the knowledge they have learnt about aspects of physical geography when writing their non-chronological reports. We will learn all about the water cycle and the different stages within it. The children will use their knowledge of the water cycle to learn about the physical features of rivers and the processes which affect a river. We will also be learning all about the physical aspects of mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, specifically focussing on what causes volcanoes to erupt and what causes earthquakes to occur. The children will consolidate their understanding of volcanoes by designing and making their own erupting volcano!</p>	