



Northenden Community School

Curriculum Information for Parents



Class Year 3
Term Autumn 1
Theme Why do people live near volcanos?

THE BIG IDEA

This term, Year 3 will be exploring the question “**Why do people live near volcanoes?**” We will learn how volcanoes are formed, where they are found around the world and what happens when they erupt. We will also investigate the benefits of living near volcanoes, such as fertile soil, farming, tourism and geothermal energy, as well as the risks they can bring. Children will use maps, photographs and real-life examples to understand why people choose to live in these fascinating places.



In **READING** lessons, the children will ...

- Develop reading and understanding through inference and deduction
- Revise and learn new vocabulary and practise using it in a context
- Retrieve and record information using fiction and non-fiction texts



In **WRITING** lessons, the children will ...

- Explore *Inside Out* and write a brief character description,
- Read *Tuesday* and make predictions about alternative endings to a story,
- Revisit sentence structure, the use of capital letters, full stops and basic expanded noun phrases,



In **MATHEMATICS** lessons, the children will

- Explore place value within 1000,
- Use a variety of ways to represent numbers,
- Revise previously learned times tables,



In **SCIENCE** lessons, the children will

- Explore rocks and soils,
- Compare the properties of rocks,

In **COMPUTING** we will ...



- Focus on networks and understand how various devices are connected,

In **GEOGRAPHY** we will ...



- Find out how Earth is constructed,
- Use maps to find out where mountains are found,
- Explore the structure of volcanoes,
- Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living near a volcano



In **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** we will ...

- Continue to investigate the symbolism of fire in different religions

In **ART** we will ...



- Further improve our sketching technique

In **MUSIC** we will ...



- Create soundscapes with the main theme *Mountains*

In **PSHCE** we will ...



- Ways to keep safe

In **FRENCH** we will...



- Learn the main phonetic rules of the French language

PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays



In our PE lessons, the children will:

- Focus on special awareness,
- Further improve their gymnastic skills,

OTHER INFORMATION



- Homework will be set every Friday and marked every Tuesday,
- Children are expected to read at least 10 minutes every day. Reading records should be updated regularly. Completed books can be changed any day of the week.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...



- listening to them read on a daily basis,
- ensuring all homework is completed in a timely manner and to the best of their ability,
- encouraging them to practise their times tables regularly using TTRS (login details to follow)