

Year 3 Spring Update 2022

Year 3 have been working really hard this term!

We started off this term reading 'The Street Beneath Our Feet' which was a great way to start learning about Earthquakes and Volcanoes in Geography, and Rocks in Science. We found out about all the different layers of the Earth and even wrote our own Tour Guide speech to take people on 'The Underground Explorer' - an imaginary vehicle that can take you on a journey to the centre of the Earth! In Geography we then went on to learn about how, where and why earthquakes and volcanoes happen.

In Science, we have learned about rocks and fossils, including studying the life of Mary Anning and her significant contributions to this area. We then started learning about the skeleton, joints and muscles of humans and other animals, and are really looking forward to our (postponed) trip to Tring at the start of the summer term to do a workshop on this and get the chance to enhance our learning by seeing some real examples.

We have also loved being creative this term. Some of the children have made amazing models of volcanoes for home learning, and have had the chance to share these with the class – we even made one of the volcanoes erupt using bicarbonate of soda, food colouring and vinegar!

In Art we have been printing, using both monoprinting and two colour overlay printing techniques – come and look outside the classroom to see our display! We also learned sketching techniques and used these very effectively to produce sketches with annotations of some fantastic fossils that we took on loan from the Natural History Museum at Tring – it was great so have the chance to see such good examples of ammonites, graptolites, fossil calamites and sea urchin.



In January, we celebrated Chinese New Year by watching a small group of the class perform a mini dragon dance using costumes – it was so good, they shared it with the rest of the school by visiting all the classrooms! Then on World Book Day everyone got the chance to dress up; it was lovely to see them sharing their knowledge about their characters and taking questions from the rest of the class. There are some photos below of this.



All in all, a busy and very successful term of learning!