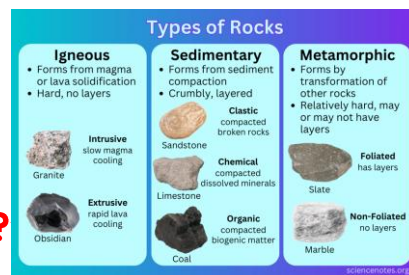


Maple Class Term 3 Newsletter **'What makes rocks beautiful?'**



Dear Maple Class families,

We hope you all had a wonderful festive break. The topic this term is 'What makes rocks beautiful?'. We will be learning about the different types of rocks, where they can be found and how they are formed. In literacy, we will be studying the impact of a volcanic eruption in 'Escape from Pompeii'. For our D.T learning, we will be looking at why it is important to eat seasonal foods. We will finish the unit by cooking some delicious fruit tarts.

Homework

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading is logged on Boom Reader. A member of staff will be checking Boom Reader on Friday to work out the reading score and give individual children their gems if they have completed their reads.
Maths and Grammar	Each week the children will be given a piece of either grammar or maths homework to complete focussing on the current class learning. This will be set on a Monday and needs to be handed in by the following Monday.
Lexia	The children are doing very well on Lexia so thank you for all your support with this at home. We ask that the children try to do 20 minutes at home each week.
Times Tables	Each child will have a Times Table Rock stars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week. This will be crucial in supporting the children with their recall of multiplication and division facts.

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- What is a sedimentary/metamorphic/igneous rock?
- How are fossils formed?
- Who was Mary Anning?
- Have you got any goals for the future? How will you achieve these?
- What happens in a disaster zone?
- How do earthquakes happen?
- What Hindu practices have you learnt about?

Key Topic Vocabulary

Igneous sedimentary fossil metamorphic volcano lava magma natural
 disaster earthquake measure healthy ambition communicate purpose

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat every day. Our PE days are Monday and Friday, on these days the children should come dressed in their PE kit to school. This term the children will be doing swimming so please ensure they come with everything they need for the session.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Lulham and the Maple team

'What makes rocks beautiful? - Learning Map

Literacy 	Lava Narrative	Escape Pompeii Diary entry	A perfect planet Non-fiction script
Maths 	Multiplication and division		Length, perimeter and area
Science 	Rocks and soils 		
D.T 		Cooking	
Geography 	Where are natural disasters a problem? 	Why do people live in disaster zones? 	
PSHE 		Keeping safe	
Computing 		Creating media- video trailers	
RE 	What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today? 		
French 		Food glorious food.	
Music 		Learning an instrument	
P.E. 	Dance 		