

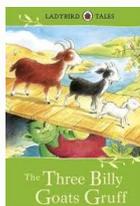
# 'Dinosaurs'

## Cherry Class Newsletter Term 4 2020

Dear Parents,

This term we are continuing our topic –*Dinosaurs*. We will be learning about weather, climate change, volcanoes and focusing on the recent volcanic eruption on White Island, New Zealand.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



Using a well-known fairy tale to write a fairy tale for dinosaurs



Non-fiction



Persuasive Writing based on our trip to Paradise Park

If you would like a learning activity to complete at home during this term with your child, you can choose from one of these activities:

- Make a 3D Volcano
- Create a poster about Volcanoes around the World
- Write an adventure story about explorers going to a Volcano? What do they find? Does it erupt while they are in the volcano?

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focussed activities and group work. We are continuing to place an emphasis on continuing to learn times tables through maths sessions and at home.

### Key Questions

Which are the world's most dangerous volcanoes?	How long do eruptions last?	What are the most famous eruptions?	Which is the world's most beautiful volcano?
Which eruption caused the greatest number of casualties?	Which were the largest eruptions?	Can volcanic eruptions affect climate?	What is climate change?

### Key Words:

Volcano	flow	mantle	fault
lava	Ring of fire	eruption	magma

We hope you all have lovely term supporting the children in their learning and can see how much they have learnt already. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any questions,

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Norris, Miss Jane, and Mrs Neville

## Home Learning

<b>Reading</b>	<p>Please read with your child <b>at least three times a week</b>, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <b><u>signing and dating in their reading record book</u></b>.</p> <p><b><u>Please write the number of minutes that you have read each time.</u></b></p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2.</p> <p>Books can be changed in Larch at any time.</p> <p>Please make sure that your child's reading log in their bag every Thursday so that we can count the minutes for our reading chart.</p>
<b>Phonics</b>	<p>Your child will be bringing home phase 3 diagraph and trigraph flash cards which they need to consolidate based on assessment from the Phase 3 phonemes. Also, high frequency words and words relating to the sounds for you to practise at home.</p>
<b>Spellings and homework</b>	<p>Spellings will be given out each week on a Monday as part of the homework, then will be tested on the following Monday. Please ensure that books are returned to school on a Monday. Homework will be sent out on a Monday. It is also available on the website.</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>My Maths homework will be set on Mondays and due back the following Monday. Please can children continue to learn their times tables at home.</p> <p>Year 1 children should be learning 10x, 2x and 5x tables</p> <p>When secure with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables, children should be moving onto 3x and 4x tables</p> <p>BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</a></p> <p>Purple Mash Times Tables Games: <a href="https://www.purplemash.com/">https://www.purplemash.com/</a></p> <p>Search for 'speed tests' and then choose the one that you would like to practise.</p> <p>MyMaths can be used at home for the children to explore and practise skills from class work whenever they choose.</p>

## Useful Websites to support learning

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/volcanoes>

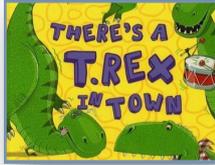
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zd9cxyc>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/volcano-facts/>

## Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Can the children please always have a **coat** in school as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE day is Monday, but PE kits should be in all week in case of wet/ muddy clothes or needing to change for any other reason.

# 'D i nosau rs' Learni ng Map Term 4 201 9

Literacy	<p>Sentence types</p> 	<p>Non-Fiction</p> 	<p>Persuasive writing</p> 
Maths	<p>Money</p> 	<p>Statistics</p> 	<p>Place value</p> 
Science	<p>Transparent</p> 	<p>Materials</p> 	<p>Hard</p> 
Geography	<p>Volcanoes</p> 	<p>Seasonal changes</p> 	<p>Climate change</p> 
Music		<p>'Round and Round'</p> 	
ICT	<p>E-Safety</p> 		<p>Questioning</p> 
PSHE		<p>Healthy me</p> 	
Art and DT	<p>Using tools</p> 	<p>Using materials</p> 	<p>Being safe</p> 
RE		<p>Salvation</p> 