



# Year 3 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

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## Welcome back!

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break. The new half term has got off to a great start, and we would like to thank you all for making sure all children are wearing the correct uniform. Please make sure children have their, book bags and Raving Readers in school every day. It is essential that you read with your child every night to aid their progress in English and to develop their love of reading and this can now be done online with the use Bug Club, which can be used as part of their raving readers as this websites asks appropriate questions about the text to deeper understanding.

This term is going to be a busy one!

During our **English** lessons, for our fiction unit, we are focusing on developing our imaginative description through the book 'Storm' to create our own setting description using expanded noun phrases, ambitious vocabulary, similes, alliteration and personification. Towards the end of the half term, we will be focusing on non-chorological reports with the aim to create an informative article about an extreme weather type. During this non-fiction unit, we will be developing our use of paragraphs, writing in the present tense, using technical and subject specific vocabulary and the overall structure of the text type.

Throughout this half term, in our **Maths** lessons, we will continue to develop our understanding of the four operations and the appropriate written methods to use to solve written calculations and word problems. We will also be learning about fractions of shapes and amounts and developing our statistical knowledge by collecting and presenting data. We are also starting to use the mastery approach to our mathematics to gain a deeper level of understanding to all of our learning.

As **Scientists**, we will be developing our scientific enquiry skills with a focus on rocks. We will observe the rocks, identify their different properties and use these to classify them. We will also ask and answer questions about different rock types and how they are formed.

In indoor **PE**, we will be learning and developing our invasion games skills by learning how to play tag rugby. During outdoor sessions, we will be developing our aim and accuracy skills in hockey.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries about your child's education, please feel free to make an appointment by speaking to us.

## Extreme Earth



Our exciting new topic this half term is 'Extreme Earth'. Together, we will explore and learn about the extreme weather types and the impact they have on civilisations. As geographers, we will search for and identify patterns in the locations of these weather types and compare them to our locality. We will learn about how the weather types are formed and empathise with those affected by these natural destructive forces.

## Reminders

### Homework

All homework, whether this be written or online, is distributed every Thursday and should be returned and completed to a high standard by the following Monday. It is essential that your child uses: spag.com, Activelearn and Mathletics frequently to help aid your child's progression. The activities set all relate to and support your child's current learning in class.

**Please find attached details for accessing ParentHub.**

### PE Times

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Please ensure that your child is sent to school with their **FULL** PE kit on these days. This includes trainers.