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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year!

Our topic for Term 3 is 'Minecraft - What will Steve find?' This topic will focus closely around our Science topic for this term 'Rocks and Soils'.

On the reverse of this letter is a skeleton outline plan of this topic. As it is a plan, it is subject to change with areas of learning being added or adapted.



Within our Science topic, we will be looking closely at the different properties and grouping them according to our observations. We will then find out how the different types of rock form and learn about the rock cycle. After this, we will learn how fossils form and investigate what soil is made of and find out how it was formed.

During our English lessons, we will be reading the 'Voyage and Return' story 'The Journey to the Centre of the Earth'. We will analyse the plot for this story and will then attempt to write our own 'Voyage and Return' story sequels. After this unit, we will create our own shape poetry and finally we will end the term summing up what we have learnt throughout our science topic by writing a report into the different types of rock and their properties and uses using the book 'The Pebble in My Pocket' as inspiration.

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In Mathematics, we will be finding the length and perimeter of objects and solving related real life problems. In the second half of the term, we will explore fractions by finding fractions of shapes and amount, finding equivalent fractions and solving problems.

Our computing lessons will fit closely with our Science topic, as we will be using cameras and digital microscopes to look more closely at rocks and soil. We will then use the properties that we have observed to build a database of the different rocks that we have been looking at.

For homework, please refer to the homework 'Pick n' Mix' sheet. However, it is important to note the huge benefit of children reading for at least 5 to 10 minutes every night on their development. It would be useful if either an adult or the child themselves make a brief comment about their reading. We will continue the times table 'Need for Speed' challenge therefore regular practice of their times tables will also support the children's learning. All children have a 'Times Table Rock Stars' account so encourage them to use it as much as possible. Children should bring their reading book and journal every day, as we like to hear them read as much as possible.

It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day so please ensure that your children bring a water bottle in to school.

If you would like to meet with me to discuss the progress of your child, you are welcome to speak to me at the end of the day for an informal chat or if you would like to see some of the work that your child has been doing. You will also have an opportunity to come and view your children's work either at the start or end of the day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February when we will be holding a 'Celebrate Our Work' day. If you would like to meet more formally, you can arrange a time to meet with me after school either by contacting the office or myself.

I look forward to an action packed term but enjoyable term.

Yours sincerely

Paul Truan