**Computing**

* We will be focussing on the basic computing skills needed for word processing, such as fonts, colour and size, copy, cut and paste, bullet points, aligning and inserting and editing images. We will also find out how to use Google Classroom and Times Table Rock Stars.

**PSHE**

* Our first unit is called ‘Being Me in my World’ and will include discussions and activites based on personal goals , rules, rights and consequences, responsibibilties and seeing things from others’ perspectives.

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**Science**

* Our Rocks, Fossils & Soils topic will include investigating the properties of rocks and soils.
* Finding out about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.
* Learning about the life of Mary Anning who discovered an ichthyosaur in Dorset!
* We will explore how fossils are formed and will have a go at making some of our own!

**Year 3 Autumn 1 Newsletter**

**Welcome to Year 3 everyone!**

**We have lots of exciting learning planned for this half term!**



**Spanish**

* Spanish will be taught each week by Mrs Kay. In each weekly lesson, the children will be exposed to the Spanish language through reading, writing, speaking and listening and there will be lots of opportunities to learn the grammar, pronunciation, keywords and phrases. Lessons will also touch on aspects of the cultures and traditions of Spanish speaking countries.

**Music**

* Securing the ability to hear, understand and identify pitches do, re, mi and introducing singing games to prepare for learning so and la.



**Art**

* Colour mixing and creating a colour wheel.
* Looking at the art movement ‘Fauvism’ and creating our own landscapes in this style.

**DT**

* Exploring pneumatics and making our own Making ‘Moving Monsters’

English

* Sentence construction based on the book ‘The Paper Bag Princess’ by Robert N Munsch
* Dialogue and characterisation in story writing, based on the book ‘Min Rabbit Not Lost’ by John Bond.
* Exploring and performing poems by Michael Rosen.
* Daily phonics in school and home spellings.
* Handwriting to practise joining letters.
* Handwriting to develop basic letter formation and joins.



**Maths**

* Daily main lessons as well as short fluency sessions.
* Our focus this term is on place value for 3 digit numbers and addition and subtraction using both mental and written methods.
* Using a range of resources to help develop your understanding.
* Lots of opportunity to talk about your methods and reasoning.
* We will continue the Maths Challenge which the children started in year 2. This helps to develop and consolidate essential skills such as number bonds, doubling and halving and times tables. Maths challenge day will be Tuesdays.

**Geography**

* We will find out all about volcanoes, including the layers of the earth, how volcanoes are formed, why they erupt and where they are found, We will also look at the different types of volcanoes and some of the world’s most dangerous ones!

**RE**

* We will study the religion of Islam; finding out about Mohammad, the Qur’an and how Muslims live.
* We will also be considering ideas about God/Allah in Islam and Christianity, as well as exploring religious stories and symbolism in Christianity.



**Home Learning Tasks**

Weekly spellings based on our phonics work each week will be sent home on Fridays and tested in school on the following Thursday.

You should read at home as much as possible and these sessions should be recorded and signed by an adult in your reading record. Books will be sent home as soon as we have heard you read.

Practising for the weekly maths challenge which will start on Tuesday 12th September. We will send home a practice sheet this week and then whenever you move onto a new level. Try to aim for a certificate every 2 weeks!

This year, we will show you how to use TT Rock Stars and give you a password to use at home. Aim for a few 10-15 minute sessions a week to help you develop your maths skills.

Sometimes, additional tasks may be handed out. These could be based on any subject area .

**PE**

* Ball handling activities to develop skills in throwing and catching and working as a team.
* A dance unit inspired by the Solar System

**Reminders**

PE will usually be on Mondays and Thursdays. You will need both an indoor and outdoor kit. If your trainers have laces, please make that you can tie and undo them yourself. IIf girls are wearing tights, please remember socks. If possible, it is best not to wear earrings on PE days, otherwise these must be covered with tape brought in from home.

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**Drinks & Snacks**

Please make sure you bring a named water bottle filled with fresh water (no juice please) every day. This will really help with your learning! Bottles can be refilled thoughout the day. Playtime fruit is not provided in year 3, but you are very welcome to bring your own fruit/healthy snack for playtime. Lunchtime is later in key stage 2 so you may a need a snack to keep you going!

**Equipment**

Please make sure that all clothing is named, including coats and PE kits. PE kits should be in a named drawstring bag. PE trainers should also be kept in this bag (or a separate one if needed). If you are bringing a bag for reading books etc, please make sure it is a small one. Large rucksacks wil just not fit in our small cloakroom! All stationery will be provided in school, but you are very welcome to bring your own coloured pencils, felt pens and glue stick in one pencil case which you can keep in your drawer.

Please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns. You can make an appointment for after school, or have a brief chat with any of the year 3 staff at the classroom door. We are always happy to help!

You can also contact me on the address below.

rebecca.puddephatt@panshanger.herts.sch.uk

You are also very welcome to carry out your own research by using books or the world wide web (with your adult’s permission).

**Useful Websites**

Volcanoes

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

Rocks & Soils <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt>

Maths Activities <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3>

Lots of information on a range of subjects and topics <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>