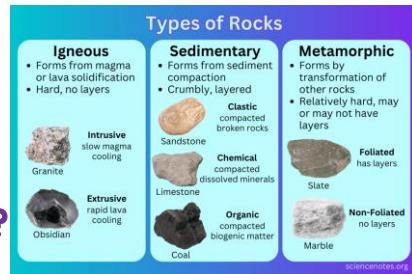


Puffin Class

Term 3 Newsletter

'What makes rocks beautiful?'



Dear Puffin Class families,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! We're excited to welcome you to 2026 with our new topic: **What makes rocks beautiful?** We will be learning about the types of rocks that can be found in different environments and how they are formed. We will also be learning about Mary Anning and the impact of her fascinating discoveries!

Homework

COMPULSORY	Reading 	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure their reading is logged on Boom Reader, a quick and easy process – I've sent home your individual login and simple guide on how to download the app today. I will check Boom Reader every Friday and give rewards to the children who have completed 3 reads. If you still wish to record your child's reads in their yellow Reading Record, please do so, but I will be moving away from this method at the end of this term.
	Lexia 	Lexia is now part of our weekly routine in school. To support us with this valuable reading tool, please can children practise at home for 20 minutes per week . I have sent your child's login home today.
	Times Tables 	Every child has a Times Table Rock Stars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week , ready for our weekly 'Club 99' tests. It is crucial that the children practise at home to support their maths in school, which relies heavily on recall of multiplication and division facts. I have sent home login reminders today.
	CGP Books	I will continue to send home a new task each Friday for Maths and Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling, and will collect CGP books/folders the following Friday as normal.
YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN GIVEN A MASTER SHEET WITH ALL THEIR LOGINS TO BRING HOME		

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

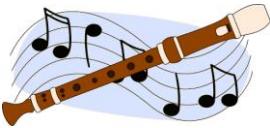
Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat every day. Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday - on these days the children should come dressed in their PE kit to school.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Mack and the Puffins team

‘What makes rocks beautiful? - Learning Map

Literacy 	A Perfect Planet Non-fiction script	Lava Narrative	Escape Pompeii Diary entry
Maths 	Multiplication and division		Length and perimeter
Science 	 Rocks & Soil	 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 