Year 3 Curriculum Overview – Autumn 1

English and Reading
Our texts this half-term are 'Leon and The Place Between' and 'Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet'. In reading, we will use this text to retrieve, infer and improve our vocabulary understanding. In writing, we will be using the texts to write a setting description with Leon and The Place Between and a Diary Entry where we pretend to be Omar experiencing lots of trouble!

Maths
Our focus this half-term will be Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. This will involve understanding the value of numbers up to 1,000 through representing, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers. We will also be introducing column method to work out calculations with exchanges.
Times tables are still as important as they support in many areas of maths. Therefore, we will continue to practise our multiplication facts.

PSHE
Our PSHE topic for this half term is how to take care of our mind and body. We will explore how our mind and body are connected and how they show our feelings. We will look closely at the importance of sleep and being healthy. We know we have strong feelings so we will learn how to notice them and deal with them.

Grammar
To support our writing, we will be securing previously taught skills such as past tense and expanded noun phrases. To make our writing more coherent, we will also be learning a new grammar skills including: prepositions and determiners

PE
In PE, we will be working on Athletics. We will be refining our sprinting technique, looking at how to run relay races correctly.
Mr Killock will be supporting us with our PE on a Monday

Art/DT
In our DT unit, we will investigate food packaging. We will consider the best shapes for food packaging, design our own online and then build our own food packages

Science
This half-term in Science we are looking at Animals including Humans. We will start by identifying the different bones in the human skeleton. We will explore how muscles work in the body. We will also be looking at how our bodies need nutrients to work effectively and that different activities require more energy than others.

RE
In RE, we will learn about Judaism and how Jews use stories to remember Gods's covenant. We will explore the Story of Noah and Abraham. We will then explore why Moses and Pesach are important. Finally, we will learn why Shabbat is a special time for Jewish people.

Geography
This half term we are looking at Volcanoes. We will explore the layers of the Earth first and then look at where volcanoes are formed. We will look at the positives and negatives of living near a volcano. Finally, we will explore how volcanoes can cause tsunamis and earthquakes!