



## Breckon Hill Primary School Y3 Newsletter

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### Spring

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#### Message from the staff

Welcome back to school for the spring term. We hope you had a lovely break and hope you have all had a positive start to 2024. This term we have been learning all about Volcanoes and Earthquakes which the children have really enjoyed so far. Next half term, you will be invited to the year 3 performance. Any questions, please speak to us at home time on the yard or contact the office who will be happy to help.

Mrs Moloney, Mrs Doloughan and Miss Nilsen.

#### Learning Topic

We are going to learn about layers of the Earth and find out more about how volcanoes are formed by moving tectonic plates. We will be learning about earthquakes and what the causes of an earthquake are and how this affects those who live in parts of the world that are most affected by earthquakes.

In science we are learning about rocks and soils. We will be comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.

We will be describing in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.

We will be finding out more about soils and how they are made from rocks and organic matter.

Reading Books. Thank you for reminding your child to bring their reading book to school every day and for reading at home with them.

#### How parents can help

Please help your child log onto Times Tables Rockstars and encourage them to learn their times tables. Thank you also for supporting your child to help them learn their spellings. Here is a some key vocabulary for our learning this term.

Key Vocabulary
Natural disaster: <b>a sudden and terrible event in nature</b>
Tectonics plates: <b>the large sections of the earth's surface that move</b>
Epicentre: <b>the centre point of an earthquake</b>
Richter scale: <b>a measurement showing the strength of an earthquake</b>
Hemisphere: <b>half of a sphere (we divide our earth into two halves called hemispheres)</b>
Equator: <b>an imaginary line around the Earth that goes exactly halfway between the North Pole and the South Pole and divides it into two equal halves (the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere)</b>

