

Year 3S Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1: Thu 3 Sep - Fri 23 Oct

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely summer, and that the children are looking forward to returning to the classroom after their home schooling and are ready to begin their first half-term in Year 3. I am so pleased to be working with you and your children as they begin this next step of their learning journey.

Routines: PE days are Monday and Thursday. Reading books will be sent home on a Friday and need to be returned to school on a Wednesday to allow for 48 hour quarantine. Library books will be sent home on a Wednesday and must be returned on a Monday to allow for 48 hour quarantine please. Spellings will be given out and tested on Wednesdays with a combination of statutory spelling rules and non-negotiable words. Children should bring their homework diary to school every day and they will be signed on a Monday.



Homework: Initially to concentrate on spelling, reading and times tables. English and Maths homework will be introduced later this half term.

Curriculum: Our topic is 'Who First Lived in Britain?' We will be learning about changes and developments in history from The Stone Age through to The Iron Age. Then specifically, in more detail: The Stone Age/Bronze Age/Iron Age, chronology of events and how we find out about the past, how people lived, the food people ate, where people lived, how they communicated, how life changed throughout the years and finally the differences between all of the above throughout the ages.



English: In English we will be using the books 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura and 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King to stimulate our writing. We will be creating setting and character descriptions, whilst also re-capping use of punctuation, including: capital letters, full stops, speech marks and commas. We will also be looking at different sentence types including list sentences, noun phrases, adverbials and similes.

Maths: In Maths we will begin with a focus on place value. Children will develop their understanding of 3 digit numbers. They will also be learning to order numbers up to 1000. They will then move on to addition and subtraction using concrete materials, pictorially and using mental strategies, before moving on to more written methods. All children will learn times tables and will be tested weekly to see if they can beat their own scores and move up the 'table ladder'.

Science: In Science we will be investigating the hardness and permeability of different rock types, along with finding out how different rock types are formed and how this impacts on how fossils are made. We will look at how rocks are used due to their properties and we will be using the book 'The street beneath my feet' to support our topic.



R.E.: We will be focusing on Creation. We look at the Creation Story from the Bible and discuss how this has an impact on our lives today. We will look at our beautiful world and how Christian beliefs help us to look after and appreciate it.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me either in person on the playground, or by writing a note in your child's diary. I am really looking forward to getting to know and teach your children and hope they are looking forward to Year 3 too.

Mrs Senior