



Year 3 Newsletter



The Stone Age to The Iron Age

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, we are going to learn all about **our stone age ancestors**.

- Within history we will learn how our ancestors lived over 10,000 years ago. We will learn how they survived and thrived in our local landscape. The challenges they faced and how over time they developed and began to use metal tools. We will learn how our ancestors' lives changed from a hunter gathering lifestyle to a more settled farming life and the subsequent growth of communities.
- Our English work this term, begins with a unit which links to our history topic. We will complete a fiction unit using a Talk for Writing approach, studying a text called 'The Garden'. We will also be learning some poetry skills.
- In science we'll be learning about rocks. We will learn how rocks are formed, how they are categorised by their uses and properties. We will be carrying out fair tests to understand their characteristics.
- In design technology we will be designing and creating simple bags linked to our stone age topic. We will be learning about designing for a purpose and learning basic sewing techniques.
- Our PSHE unit this half term will be "me and my relationships" where we will be learning about friendships, caring and resilience.
- We will be introducing the French language. We will learn how to greet and introduce ourselves in French as well as learning about France.

General reminders

- **Reading books:** Children will be given a book based on the book banding level they are currently reading at. Books should be kept in a schoolbook bag to protect the books and these book bags will fit in their individual drawer/locker in the classroom. They can change their books when they have read them.
- We will be continuing with our whole class treat as a visit to the library for 1,000 reads per class. Please ensure you keep writing in your child's diary as every read counts!
- **PE:** Will be on **Monday (indoor)** and **Thursday (outdoor)** please make sure your child comes to school dressed for PE and has the appropriate PE kit for any weather.
- **FOREST SCHOOL WILL BE TAKING PLACE THIS HALF TERM.** Forest school will be on a **TUESDAY** afternoon. Please come dressed in appropriate clothing and bring a water bottle on this day. (Please see additional letter for more information).
- **THERE IS NO SWIMMING THIS HALF TERM.** Swimming begins in Year 3 in the Spring term. Mrs Wharmby will be in contact later this term with more details.

- **Homework:** -

The weekly home learning expectations are as follows:

- To use Doodlemaths for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week. (username and password is in your child's organiser). The children can also access doodletables using the same username and password. The pupils will be rewarded with some "choosing time" in class, if they are in the "green zone".

It's imperative your child continues to practise their tables up to 12x12 in preparation for the year 4 times table check.

- Reading with an adult 3 times a week. Please ensure you discuss the texts with your child, ask questions and make a note of their reading in their organiser.
- Weekly spellings. These will be sent out every Friday and tested the following Friday.
- Each half term, we will upload the history/geography and science **knowledge organiser** to the Year 3 page of the school website. We hope you will enjoy reading these with your child. They cover the key facts that your child will learn during this topic.

Staffing

Moles

Miss Bale (Teacher) and Mrs Greenfield and Miss Fraser to support.

Rabbits

Mrs Wharmby (Monday) Mrs Phillips (Tuesday – Friday)

- Mrs Evans and Miss Hodson will be working in both classes.
- PPA will be a Thursday afternoon, where Mrs Evans and Miss Dalling will cover the class and send the pupils home from school.
- Year 3 lunchtime is not until 12.15, therefore you may like to **send a healthy snack for break time. They are no longer provided with daily fruit like in KS1.**
- We will endeavour to upload all correspondence and letters to the Year 3 page of the school website, so if you need any information regarding dates, topic information, trips etc please check here.

Any questions, please ask,
Kind regards

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Wharmby and Miss Bale