



# Year 3 Newsletter

## The Stone Age to The Iron Age AUTUMN 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We're excited to get to know you and begin our learning journey. This year, we have Miss Pallett teaching Moles, Mr Bown leading Rabbits, and will be sharing our teaching assistant, Mrs Evans, with Year 2. At the start of the year children will come to school through the classroom door rather than the big playground. After Easter, children will start to come into school independently.

This half term, we'll explore the Stone Age, discovering how people lived, adapted and transitioned from hunter-gatherers to farmers. In English, we'll study the setting description *The River Unicorn* using Talk for Writing, alongside poetry and creative writing, our class text this term is "The Boy Who Grew Dragons". Our science topic is rocks, how they form, their properties and uses, which we'll explore through fair testing. In design technology, we'll create simple bags linked to our history topic, learning basic sewing skills. We will teach all design technology lessons in the last week of term. Our PSHE focus is "Valuing Difference," exploring respect, community, and celebrations. We'll also continue building our French vocabulary, starting with animal names.

### General reminders

- **Open evening:** Straight after school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September parents are invited to come into school and have a look around their child's new classroom. This will be a great informal event to meet the teachers and see what life in Year 3 will look like.
- **Forest school:** This term we will be having forest school with Mrs Gaunt on Wednesday afternoons. Please come dressed in appropriate clothing and bring a water bottle on this day. We would really appreciate any parent helpers from both classes to come and join us, so if you would like to join us, please message either Miss Pallett or Mr Bown on dojo.
- **School trips:** Later this year we will have our pantomime trip in December, as well as a trip to Creswell Crags in January 2026 to learn more about The Stone Age. More information will follow closer to the time.
- **ClassDojo:** Please send any messages via ClassDojo, and we'll aim to respond by the end of the school day. Note that we have quiet hours set after 4:30pm. To help us focus on the children in the morning, we kindly ask that you avoid passing messages at the classroom door and use Dojo instead.
- **Uniform:** This year children are allowed to come into school in their PE kits but please refrain from sending children in with branded clothes. Also, micro shorts and jewellery are not allowed to be worn in school unless for religious reasons.
- **Reading books:** Children should aim to read at least 3 times per week at home. They are encouraged to change their book when they have read it with an adult. We're hoping to encourage children to find books that they like to read so that they can share these books with their class.

- **PE:** 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.
- **Homework:** The weekly home learning expectations are as follows:
  - Read school reading book at least 3 times a week.
  - To use Doodle maths for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week.
  - Weekly spellings will be sent out every Friday and tested the following Friday. In the last week of every half term children will complete a dictation piece, which includes spellings from the half term.
  - To practise their Year 2- & 3-times tables at home. In Year 3 we learn the 3s, 4s, and 8s.

Any questions please feel free to ask.

Kind regards,  
Y3 Team