



Year 3 Newsletter

The Stone Age to The Iron Age AUTUMN 2



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 non-fiction unit using a Talk for Writing approach, studying a text called 'The River Unicorn'. We will also be learning some poetry and creative writing 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 "valuing difference" where we will be learning about respect, our community and different celebrations.
- So far Y3 have enjoyed learning a new language and we will be continuing to develop our **French** vocabulary. We will focus on names of animals.

General reminders

- **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.
- **PE:** Will continue on a **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 **Doodlemaths** for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week. The pupils will be rewarded with some "choosing time" in class, if they are in the "green zone".
 - Weekly **spellings** will continue to 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.

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

Kind regards
Y3 Team