

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2017 ~ TERM 1

Message from the Year 3 team!

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break. We are enjoying getting to know your children and are looking forward to working with them this year!

Teachers: Miss Crosby (3S), Miss Barrett (3W) and Mr Bridgwood (3H)

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Davis (3S), Mrs Tustin and Mrs Davies (3W) and Mrs Stafford (3H),

English

We will start this term by applying for classroom jobs, focusing on the use of conjunctions. Linking to our topic, the children will then apply for their own Stone Age job.

We will then be using the book 'Stone Age Boy' as a stimulus to create our own Stone Age stories.



After half term, we will be basing our writing around the film Narnia. This will include writing a non-chronological report.

The children's English targets this term will focus on the use of accurate punctuation and extending sentences using adjectives, conjunctions and adverbs.

Literature Festival

Year 3 will be going to the Literature Festival on Friday 6th October.

Class Assembly

3W class assembly on 22nd November at 2.45pm.

Maths

This term, we will be focusing on number work and place value. We will be building on the children's basic arithmetic skills and recalling times table facts. After half term, our focus is addition and subtraction. The children will consolidate previous learning and learn new formal written methods.

End of term: Weds 20th Dec 1.30pm.

Science

Our science topic this term is 'Rocks and Soils'. The children will be identifying properties of rocks and grouping them. They will also learn how fossils are formed. After half term, our topic is 'Magnets and Forces'. They will be learning about different forces and will carry out investigations using magnets.



History

Our History topic this term is 'The Stone and Iron age'. The children will be learning about how evidence has helped us to understand life during this time. They will also be learning about structures that still exist today e.g. Stonehenge.



Art

We will be using a variety of media to create work based upon our 'Stone to Iron age' topic. The children will be creating cave paintings and will be visiting forest school to create some outdoor art.



School Trip to Avebury Stones

3W/3H: Thursday 9th November

3S: Friday 10th November

More details to follow.

Computing

This term the children will be using Scratch to program their own animation.



French

The children will be learning how to greet each other in French, how to say the numbers 0-10 and follow instructions.

P.E./Games

Games kits need to be in school on **Mondays** and P.E. kits should be in school every day.

During games sessions this term 3S will be doing netball, 3W will be doing hockey and 3H will be doing football.

3S will be doing PE on Thursdays this term. 3W and 3H will be doing PE on Tuesdays. In PE, the children will be doing a dance and gymnastics unit.

Could you please ensure that your child brings appropriate kit for the weather forecast. Football boots and football strips should not be worn.

It is also better if earrings are not worn on P.E./Games days. If children are unable to remove their own ear-rings they will be asked to cover them with surgical tape for safety reasons. If your child has long hair please provide a band so that it can be tied up. **As long as it is not raining we will play outside so a plastic bag for muddy trainers and clothing would be a good idea!**

Home learning

When your child is completing their homework please feel free to help them. They will learn more if you do!

Reading

Please read with your child at least four times a week and record this in their reading log. Reading books and logs are needed in school everyday. They will be checked weekly by the class teacher.

Maths/English

Maths or English homework will be handed out on Tuesdays and should be returned by the following Tuesday.

Please continue to help your child practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and related division facts. If successful, please progress to the 3 and 4 times tables.

Spellings

Your child has been given a home spelling booklet to practise their words for the week. Spelling tests will be carried out every Friday and new spellings set for the following week.