

YR 3 NEWSLETTER



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We are so pleased to be back preparing for the new term. I would like to welcome all children, parents, and carers to Year 3. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday!

First Week Expectations

We are looking forward to getting to know all the Year 3 children this week and adjusting back to the school day and our daily routines. We look forward to hearing all about their holidays and starting lots of exciting new learning. This week your child will be provided with a new reading book and a reading record. Please can these be brought to school with the children every day and read and signed regularly. Please ensure they have their PE kits in school by the end of the week.

Our Topics this Half term

This half term, our topics are The Stone Age through to the Iron Age in **History** and Rocks and Soils in **Science**. We will be learning about how the earliest people lived and survived and following their progress in technology as they discovered metal, made tools, and created more sophisticated homes and villages. We will explore different types of rocks and learn their names and we will look at different soil samples and investigate them through scientific enquiry.



In **Mathematics** we will be focusing upon the place value of numbers to 1000 then moving onto addition and subtraction.

In **English** we are going to be reading a stone age fictional story and exploring a text called 'Flood.' We will generate our own sentences and pieces of writing through inspiration from these books. We will also research information about Skara Brae, a stone age settlement in Orkney. We will create a non-fiction information book about the island.

Our **computing** topics this term is internet safety, simulations and using research engines to find out information.

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In Art and DT, we will be exploring artwork by L.S. Lowry and practising our sketching and painting skills in his style. We are going to look at cave painting examples and create our own cave art. We will then construct stone age houses and buildings.

In PSHE we will be focusing upon the theme 'me and my relationships.'

In RE we will be reflecting on people's ideas about God. We will explore how other religions celebrate and worship their God and use these ideas to reflect on how we feel about God.

PE will be taught on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school for the week and that all items are clearly named. Jewellery should not be worn during PE lessons, so children are encouraged to remove earrings on Mondays.

How can you Help?

Please support and encourage your child with their home reading and homework which will be sent out on Thursdays and please ensure they have PE kit in school for Monday.

Home learning

Please could your child read at least **three times a week** and record this in their reading record diary. Maths and spelling homework will be set every Thursday, this may be tasks to complete on paper or set online via the learning platforms Purple Mash and Ed-shed. Your child will have a homework book which will contain all tasks. Please could all home learning be completed, and books returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Future Dates and Trips

We will be having a Stone Age dress up day on Thursday 19th October 2023

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see me.

Mrs Anderson, Mrs Adamson, and the Year 3 team