

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome to Year 3!
Please have a look over our curriculum for the
coming half term...



Learning, Together for Life

Our theme for this half term is: Stone Age to Bronze Age

Articles of Half Term:


Article 19 – All children have the right to feel safe.


Article 29 – All children have the right to be treated with respect and taught how to respect others.


Article 15 – All children have a right to meet with friends.


Article 24 – All children have the right to nutritious food.





 **Writing:** We are carrying on using our book 'The Stolen Spear' as a focus for our writing. We are starting our term by planning and writing alternative endings to the book. We will continue to teach the grammar skills introduced in Year 3, such as direct speech.


 **Reading:** We are incredibly proud of how well the children have taken to Accelerated Reader – please refer to the video on Class Dojo if you want some additional information about this. This term in our reading lessons, we are continuing to read 'The Stolen Spear' to develop our reading comprehension skills.


 **Maths:** This half term we are moving into Multiplication and Division. This involves teaching some methods for multiplication and division – both will be shared on Class Dojo in due course. We will also teach the 4x table to your children, whilst reviewing the 2x, 5x and 10x tables – feel free to practise these as much as you would like at home!


 **Science:** Our topic this term is 'Forces and Magnets'. We will learn about the difference between contact and non-contact forces. We will explore the use of magnets through a series of investigations and challenges. Through this process we will be learning how to be scientists where we will learn how to plan and conduct experiments.


 **History/Geography:** Our History unit continues this half term, continuing to explore what life was like in Early Britain. We are


 **Music:** This half-term we are continuing to learn the recorder. The children will be working hard to cover the holes on the recorder completely, pressing down firmly and breathing gently and softly to ensure a good quality sound is produced. The children will be playing the notes of BAG, both individually as part of practise time, and then these will form a variety of different tunes. Please make sure your child has their recorder in school every week and that they are giving it a go at home too, in order to make the best possible progress.


 **PSHE:** This term, our topic is, "Why should we keep active and sleep well?". We will be looking at the benefits of keeping active and why it is important to get enough sleep.


 **Computing:** We are going to be using Purple Mash to develop our coding skills. We will continue to think about how to stay safe online.

 **PE:** For outdoor PE, we will be learning the skills involved with netball, including sending and receiving the ball, footwork and team strategies. During our indoor PE, we will be completing a dance unit based around machines.

 **RE:** This half term we will be looking at where morals come from.

 **Art & DT:** Our focus this term is on DT – we will be looking at where food comes from, if it is seasonal or where it comes from. We will then plan, prepare and cook our own Stone Age Soups. If you would like to help during the cooking stage, please let your class teacher know via Class Dojo.

 **MFL:** This half term we will continue to build on the vocabulary that the children have already learnt, with a focus on authentic dialogue.

 **Forest Schools:** This half-term, Year 3 will be making chips from potatoes grown in our vegetable garden. This will involve using knives safely to cut the potatoes, as well as collecting sticks, building a fire and lighting it. They will also be cutting willow from our willow trees and using it to create their own mini Christmas wreaths. As always, there will be plenty of opportunities for them to play freely in the woods and follow their own interests.

If you have any questions at all please contact us via class dojo or catch us at the end of the school day.

Please consider some tracksuit bottoms and a top for PE in the colder weather. Children with long hair need to have it tied back and earrings need to be removed. Children need a water bottle daily. Please ensure all uniform is named. To help support your child's learning, please hear your child read daily for 20 minutes and record this in their reading record. These need to be brought to school on **Thursdays** to be checked by the class teacher.