

Welcome to Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that your child has enjoyed their first few days in Year 3 and that they are looking forward to the year ahead! Here is some information that you will find useful as we start the new school year.

The School Day:

Our school day starts at 8:40am, your child will walk around to the classroom door where they will enter the cloakroom via the outside door. This is the same door as they entered for year 2. Children will then put their belongings away, make their lunch choice on the board and then begin their morning work. Mrs Henson will be the class teacher on a Wednesday morning, Mrs Haley on Wednesday afternoons and Miss Knight will be in on all the other days. At the end of the day, you will collect your child at 3:25pm on the bottom playground. Please ensure that the class teacher sees you with your child before leaving.

PE:

This half term, Year 3 will be having PE on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. Long hair should be tied back and earrings must be removed.

Field Play:

We will be making use of our fantastic field for break times for as long as possible. Please ensure that your child has a waterproof pair of outdoor shoes to wear at break and lunch times. If you need any support with this, please let us know as we have lots of spares in the garage!

Reading:

Please ensure your child has their reading diary in school every day. We will be counting the number of reads the children have done each week, ready to start handing out the reading achievement awards! We would encourage the children to read as much as they can at home as this skill will support all of their other learning.

Spellings:

The children will be set a new set of spellings to practice each week. These will be sent home each half term, plus they will have access to Spelling Shed, where they can access spelling games linked to their specific spellings each week. New spellings will be introduced on a Thursday, with a short quiz the following Tuesday. We will also be working on the spelling rules each week in class.

Times Tables:

We will begin learning our times tables in Year 3. Each week on a Friday we will work on our times tables. We begin on our 2's, 5's and 10's and then introduce the 3's.

Forest School:

Our Forest School sessions will start on Tuesday 8th September. Please send your child into school in their PE kit (as it is a PE day) with a small bag containing Tracksuit bottoms or leggings, waterproof trousers to go over the bottoms or leggings, additional waterproof coat, warm top, hat, gloves and scarf (when it is appropriate). Children will wear their waterproof shoes that are in school for break times.

Please feel free to contact us via class dojo if you have any questions or concerns, alternatively please ring the school office.

Kind regards, Miss Knight, Mrs Henson and Miss Crawford

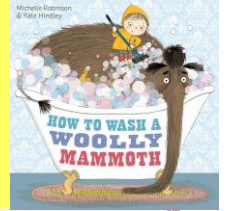
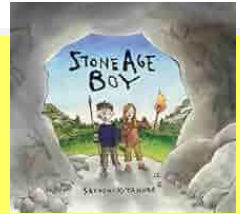
Autumn Term in Year 3

English

To start the term, we will be re-capping the children's English learning from Year 2. Establishing different sentence types and the punctuation required for each, looking at different word classes such as adjectives, verbs and prepositions and ensuring capital letters and full stops are used appropriately.

We will be exploring all of these elements through a number of texts linked to our topics, including 'Stone Age Boy' and 'How to wash a Wolly Mammoth'.

We will have a focused reading comprehension lesson each week, following the 'Complete Comprehension' scheme. As well as receiving a stand-alone spelling lesson each week to focus on spelling rules.



Maths

Year 3 starts with a big unit on place value going up to 4 digits, which is a crucial concept for children to understand to help them as they move through KS2. We then move on to addition and subtraction of up to 3 -digits. On a Wednesday, Mrs Henson will be covering the unit on Multiplication and Division.



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Science

We will start the year looking at different types of Rocks. Understanding their properties and how these affect their uses. After half term, we will be exploring magnets, which materials are magnetic and begin to understand the concept of a magnetic field. During Autumn Term 1, the children will also receive Forest School sessions with Miss Morton on a Tuesday afternoon.

RE

During this half term we will explore stories of Old Testament people of God, including Noah and Abraham. They will learn about covenants and consider what it means to trust and follow God, even when this can be challenging. Pupils will explore the original biblical texts and make links between these stories and Christian beliefs and practices today.

During Autumn 2, we will be exploring religion, family and community by looking at prayer. We will consider how and why different people pray in both the Christian and Muslim religions.

Geography

In Autumn 2, we will be looking at Volcanoes and Earthquakes. Learning about why, where and what to do when they happen.

History

In Autumn 1, we will explore the question 'Who first lived in Britain?'

We will travel through the Stone Age to the Bronze Age ending at the Iron Age. Looking at how life changed during those times and how we know about this. We also have a trip to Creswell Crags.

PSHE

In PSHE, we start the year with the topic 'Being My Best', where the children will explore healthy eating, keeping healthy through exercise and celebrating achievements. After half term, they will be looking at 'Rights and Respect', how they can keep each other and themselves safe, look at what a volunteer might do, looking after our environment and understanding money.

PE

This half term, the children will take part in Invasion Games and Gymnastics. After half term, we will be doing Dance and Football.

Music

This half term we will be exploring South African instrumental music. After half term, our focus will be on the Christmas carol concert, learning the songs and readings to accompany them.

Computing

This term the children will be looking at online safety. Looking at strategies and guidance for using the internet safely, being able to report to a trusted adult if they see something unsuitable online, age restrictions and how to find suitable internet sites for them.

French

In French we are going to be starting a new scheme, in Year 3 we will start with the basics like greetings, colours and numbers.

Art

Linking with our History topic, we will be exploring Gestural Cave Paintings. The children discover how to make drawings that capture a sense of drama or performance using charcoal.

DT

In the run up to Christmas, the children will be completing a project all about Photo Frames. We will be looking at the construction, durability, aesthetics and target audience.