

Year 3 Autumn Newsletter

Our School Rules



Be safe. Be kind.



Be responsible.

Welcome back everyone!

The Year Three Team would like to welcome all pupils and parents/carers back to a new Year! The children have settled in really well into new routines in the Autumn term building their independent learning skills and self-confidence so they can become life-long learners.

Our learning this half term

Maths – Children will start the half term focusing on multiplication and division. This term, we will continue with learning our 2,3,5, and 10 times tables and start learning our 3s, 4s and 8s. This will help the children when we focus on more formal methods for addition, subtraction, and multiplication.

English– We will begin by writing a story book for Year One children and then move onto writing information texts. There will continue to be a heavy focus on developing our grammar and punctuation skills in Year 3. We will also be looking at a range of Non-fiction genres like letters and non-chronological reports.

History – We will be setting a lot of our work around the topic of the Stone Age. We will be looking at how they lived and comparing their life to ours. We will be looking at different sources of information and evaluating their effectiveness.

Science– Our science for this half term is learning about human and animal skeletons, movement, nutrition, food waste, rocks and fossils.

D&T- In D&T we are learning about stone age tools and we will be making stone age tools of our own.

Other subjects- We will also be developing our knowledge of Divali in RE. In Art, we will continue exploring colour and shape. The children are beginning to learn French. During music we are learning to play the ukulele. During RES/PSHE we will be learning about health and wellbeing and how to keep our bodies healthy.

‘Learning to Learn’ - We are continuing to promote Growth Mindset skills which help us to learn: determination, effort and never giving up! Children will also develop their reflection skills. This is where the children will be taught to look at the work they have done, and think about how they could make it even better next time.

Reading

Reading is a vital skill for learning. The best readers are those that read outside of school and talk about what they have read. We encourage the children to be able to re-read their books and to know the sentence they have read in order to improve their fluency. Therefore, we expect children to read at home at least 3 times a week. Please make sure your child has their book in school every day.

Children can record any reading that they do in their reading logs, not just the book they bring home from school. This could be newspapers, magazines, websites, annuals or manuals. To promote a love of reading, please share other books with your child. These could be from home or the local library, and count as one of their 3 weekly reads

Home Learning

Each week we would like you to go on TTRS. If you find it difficult to get onto TTRS use paper to rehearse multiplication and division facts.

Other ideas you can explore at home

- Practise maths in everyday life by telling the time, counting money and giving change.
- Practise skip counting in 3s 4s and 8s.
- Continue to practise letter formations and letter joins ensuring letters are an appropriate size.
- Play games which involve sharing and turn-taking.
- Encourage your child to share new French words and phrases they learn with you at home.
- Research facts about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.
- Research facts about Ancient Greece
- Keep a diary/scrap book with pictures, writing and drawings.

We really love seeing the work you do at home. You can bring it in to school and share with your class.

Dates

Year 3 and 4 Sports Day – Is on Monday the 21st of September

29th September- On the 29th of September Year 3 will be taking part in a Stone Age workshop where they will be learning lots about the Stone Age including looking at artefacts from the Stone Age and having a go at Archery! The workshop costs **£10** and payments can be made on Arbor.

Swimming will be starting in November. More information will be coming about it closer to the time.

Year 3 PE days are **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**, children need to come into school in PE kit with earrings out.

Drinks

Children should bring a named water bottle to school. These can be refilled with water during the school day. If your child brings a packed lunch, we recommend that they bring a juice bottle or carton in their lunch box to take into the lunch hall. Their separate water bottle can remain in the classroom, to reduce the risk of missing water bottles.

Snacks

Children in Key Stage Two need to bring their own healthy snack for break time, preferably fruit. We are looking forward to an exciting spring term. Year Three team.

Thank you for your continued support.