

Year 3

Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 3!

We are so excited to begin the new academic year with you. Here is some important information that will help our term to run as smoothly as possible.

Mrs March teaches Year 3 on Monday, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays, Mrs Manton teaches alternate Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. Mrs Pell is our Teaching Assistant.

What are we up to?

English

In English we will start by reading 'You're a Bad Man Mr Gum' by Andy Stanton, and learning and developing basic sentence structure and writing stamina. We will follow on this term by studying the book 'Stone Age boy' by Satoshi Kitamura which will link with our History unit. In spelling we will start this first term by reviewing and revising high frequency spellings from Year 2 and dipping in to Year 3 spellings for those who are ready. Our web based spelling program -Spelling Shed will really support your child with this. In guided reading we will be reading 'Voice in the Park' by Anthony Browne.

Maths

We follow the White Rose scheme for maths and our first unit will be on place value, followed by work on addition and subtraction. Children will be able to access Times Table Rock Stars at home and will have their log in details shortly.

Topic

Our first history topic is 'Stone Age to Iron Age.' This links perfectly with our Science unit on rocks and we will be sending details home soon about a workshop visiting school all about the Stone Age. In Art we will be exploring and recreating cave paintings. This half term we will be exploring relationships in PSHE and learning how to greet people in French. Our first unit in computing will be on coding on Purple Mash.

UNIFORM & P.E. KIT

Please ensure that the children are wearing correct school uniform and this is labelled with their name – particularly jumpers, cardigans and coats! We understand that there are times where exceptions need to be made but please make us aware of this.

This term the children will be doing P.E. every **Tuesday (Outdoor) and Thursday (Indoor)**.

Please make sure your child arrives at school wearing their PE kit, which includes:

White plain t-shirt

Navy / Black / dark plain shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Navy jumper (especially in the cold weather!)

Plimsolls or trainers

It is very important that children are suitably dressed for PE sessions as they are at risk of hurting themselves or another child, especially if they do not have the correct footwear. Please remind your child that they need to remove all jewellery (including earrings) and long hair should be tied back for these lessons.

HOMework

Reading is such an important life skill, and it is essential that the children are reading regularly at home. This could include their school reading books, magazines, websites – anything at all!

We know that weekday evenings are busy, but please try to ensure that the children read at least 3 times a week with an adult at home and this is recorded in their reading planner. We check these every week and award green stamps when this has been completed.

We know the children really enjoy learning using tablets and phones – Online activities are available for the child to practise times tables and spellings and we would really appreciate your support with this as it consolidates and supports the learning we do in the classroom. We have weekly leaderboards and certificates as an incentive for completing these activities.

The children will receive passwords for all of the online activities available to them in the first few weeks and these will be stuck in to their reading diaries.



Keep in touch!

As always, this term is set to be a very busy one so make sure to keep an eye out for emails and updates on the website.

CLASS DOJO!!!!

Hopefully all of you now will have had a QR code for your family to join Class Dojo. If you haven't there is a QR code on our classroom window, all you need to do is scan with your camera on your phone and follow the link. Once you have entered your email address you will 'join our class' and then you will receive regular updates about what we have been up to. Spelling information will be included on Class Dojo too.

There is always a member of staff at the gate at the beginning of the day so please feel free to pass on any important messages.

Class teachers will be on the playground at the end of the day but it is important that we are able to release pupils to their adults safely so please be patient if you need to speak with us. If you need a face to face meeting, please call the office to arrange an appointment.

Dates for your diary

- October 9th pm – Stone Age Workshop (a letter will be sent home soon)
- Pantomime! Wednesday 3rd
- December - Please return your reply slip by September 19th