ELMSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 3 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – AUTUMN TERM 2019
Stone Age to Iron Age

English	**Reading:** Children will be encouraged to read regularly and to discuss their understanding and ideas about the text. They will participate in guided reading sessions where they develop their comprehension skills. The class will listen to a story regularly and develop an enjoyment for a variety of genres. **Spelling:** Each day they will focus on spelling patterns as well as continuing to correct spellings which they frequently misspell. Class 3 will also continue to work on producing legible and joined handwriting. **Writing:** This year we will continue to develop children's enthusiasm and confidence in writing different types of text by incorporating the 'Fantastics' 'Grammaristics' and 'Boomtastics' into our writing.
Maths	This term we will cover the following maths in blocks: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division. Children will learn about different concepts using concrete, pictorial and abstract models and our aim is to deepen their understanding and mastery in every topic taught. It is vitally important that pupils know their times tables to enable them to progress in lessons. They are encouraged to practise them regularly in creative and fun ways (Times Table Rockstars) and adult support from home will help them to progress.
Science	The topics this term are: - Rocks: where they will learn to compare and group different types of rocks, describe how fossils are formed and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. - Forces and Magnets: they will learn about how magnets attract and repel, the two poles and test everyday materials for magnetic attraction.
Computing	Children will continue to develop their ICT skills by carrying out independent research; preparing presentations and by using their creative talents to extend their learning. Internet safety remains a priority and children are regularly reminded about safe internet use. During our computing lessons, pupils will be introduced to coding in a topic called 'Dancing Robot'.
History	Chronology and timelines will be a recurring theme throughout the teaching of History in year 3. We will also be studying the changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age this term. Children will learn about art, lifestyle and settlement and they will develop a broad understanding of the historical period.
Geography	Children will identify areas taught through the History topic on different maps. They will focus on Stone Age areas within the United Kingdom.
Art	The focus at the beginning of this term is to learn how to use a sketchbook for recording observations, for experimenting with techniques or planning out ideas. Pupils will begin to experiment with drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay].

D.T.	Pupils will focus on food and develop their knowledge and understanding of what is meant by the term 'Seasonal food.' They will have the opportunity of cooking during the lessons.
P.E.	In our P.E. lessons, children will have the opportunity to learn new skills in different games and take part in gymnastics lessons.
Music	Stave House Music
R.E.	This term's topic is Christianity: Introducing Jesus, the teaching of Jesus and learning about Churches and what happens inside them.
Spanish	Children will learn about Spain as a country and how Spanish has become an international language. They will begin to learn basic phrases in Spanish.
P.S.H.E.	Growth Mindset and the school values of Courage, Open-Mindedness, Nurture, Endeavour, Communication and Teamwork will be explained to pupils throughout the year. Lessons will focus on healthy relationships, friendships and responding to other people's actions.
Year Trips/ Events	Parents' Evening – 22nd and 24th October Non Pupil Days – 29th November Whole school pantomime trip – 18th December