



# Hugh Gaitskell Primary

## Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 1 2015

Hello! We hope you have had a fantastic summer! It has been great hearing all about the things the children have been getting up to over the last seven weeks and it is brilliant to see them looking so smart!

### Introduction to Year 3:

During Year 3, pupils are encouraged to work hard to achieve their personal best and make a great effort at adapting from life in KS1 to KS2! The Year 3 Team are looking forward to a fantastic year that will be filled with lots of activities including trips, drama, swimming and sports competitions!

### What was new about the stone age??

Our theme for the Autumn Term is the Stone Age! In year 3, children will be stepping back in time to discover what life was like as a Stone Age man (or woman). During our Topic sessions in the first half-term, we will be using our independent research skills, making our own cave paintings and understanding the importance the Stone Age had on the way we live today!

### Literacy

This half-term, we will be concentrating on improving the children's grammar skills and level of understanding of nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, handwriting skills and punctuation. First, we will be focusing on looking at use of narrative writing so look forward to receiving some copies of the stories we have written! Our focus text for this half term will be *Into the Forest* by Anthony Browne.

### Maths

There are three groups for Maths and Literacy in year 3 which means that children work closely at their level of ability and receive lots of support. This half-term we will be focusing on securing children's understanding of number facts and the four operations (+ - x ÷). At home, it is important that children practise the methods they have been learning in school, as well as practising their times tables regularly to 12 x12.

### Science



The KS2 BBC Bitesize website has some fantastic resources about light and shadows!

### Reading

In year 3 we are lucky enough to have fantastic teaching assistants who provide additional reading support alongside our daily guided reading lessons. As you know, we also encourage children to read every evening for at least ten minutes. Please support your child's reading development by listening to him/her read and asking questions about the texts they have read. Reading Logs **must** be signed daily by adults at home and stamped or signed by a teacher every morning.

## Meet the Year 3 Team

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
3C	Mrs Gott	Mrs Liddle
3B	Mrs Barkakoti	Mr Oakley
3W	Mrs Wright	Mrs Anderson
Mr Cairns - 3/4 Phase Leader		

## P.E & Games

Class	P.E	Games
3C	Thursday	Monday
3B	Tuesday	Thursday
3W	Wednesday	Friday

We advise that children put their P.E and Games kits on their pegs at the beginning of the week so they are ready for the week.

## What else can you do to help?

Although we expect older children to organise themselves much better, you can help by reminding them to complete learning log projects on time to a high standard and to practise their spellings and times tables each week.

Also, chatting about the topics being covered this term will help them to remember and embed the knowledge and skills they have been using in class. There are some fantastic Ancient Greece books out there!

In addition to this, it would help your child further, if they are able to use the internet to visit websites such as BBC Bitezize KS2 and TT Rockstars to further enhance their knowledge!

## Languages!

We love that lots of the children in our school speak different languages and we really want to celebrate that this year! This term we will be learning French but we are also hoping that some of the children in Year 3 will teach us all some words and phrases from the languages they speak!

## Learning Logs

Teachers were very impressed with the quality of work that children produced at home last year and we hope that pupils continue to take pride in their Learning Logs. Each Friday children will be given a project that is to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Children who put lots of effort into their homework and present beautiful, high- quality work are rewarded! Mrs Macinall also runs a learning log club for those requiring extra support.



If you would like any more information, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Thank you for your continued support!