

Autumn Term 2018 Newsletter

Class 3F



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I am very excited for this academic year and I hope your children are too! We've had a nice week settling in and getting to know each other and I have been impressed by the children's attitudes to their learning. I am sure this will continue!

Here are the areas we will be focusing on in the coming weeks:

TOPIC	This term we will going back in time to the Stone Age! We will be looking at what is was like to live in the Stone Age (homes, weapons, clothes, food etc.). We will also look at artefacts that have been discovered by archaeologists, including famous places such as 'Stone Henge' and 'Skara Brae'. The children are already super excited to learn about this topic!
ENGLISH	We start the year using 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura as our key text. We will be focusing on writing a range of setting descriptions using this story as a stimulus. Following on from this we will focus on improving our dictionary skills.
READING	The children will read daily in class and also take part in guided reading sessions. They will read twice a week as part of a group and answer questions based on this to assess their comprehension skills. Please read daily at home with your child. This will really help them

	with their fluency and understanding! Reading records need to be regularly updated and brought into school every day.
MATHS	This term we will be learning about place value of numbers up to one thousand. We will then move on to using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) in different contexts. We will also have frequent practise of times tables and key number facts.
SCIENCE	This half term we will be learning about rocks and soils. After half term we will learn about forces.
PE/SWIMMING	This term, all Year 3s will be swimming on a TUESDAY morning. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school. Swimming replaces indoor PE. Outdoor PE is on a Wednesday. They will need long sleeved tops and tracksuit bottoms as the weather is getting colder!
COMPUTING	This half term we will be learning how to make an animation!
ART AND DESIGN	This term we will be making our own Stone Age weapons and studying cave paintings.
SPANISH	Throughout the year, Spanish vocabulary will be integrated into our classroom and school routines. We will have one Spanish lesson per week.

HOMEWORK

Every Friday, the children will bring home spellings and maths homework. Homework is due in for the following Wednesday and the children will have a spelling test on that day too.

Spellings will focus on the taught rule/strategy from that week. On occasion, the spellings will be taken from the Year 3/4 spelling list.

If home-work is completed your child will receive a ticket which will go into a prize draw at the end of term! Learning log homework will be issued at the end of each half term so they have plenty of time to be creative!

Please do not hesitate to speak to me regarding anything. You can catch me in the playground or make an appointment with the office.

Kind regards,

Liz Fellows