

Y3 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3. We have an exciting year ahead starting with our Stone Age topic this term. We have created a quick guide to Year 3 below but if you have any more questions then please talk to your class teacher or write a note in your child's Home-Link book.

Miss Morrison will teach 3M alongside Mrs Walker on a Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Lange will teach 3L along with Miss Scott on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and all day on Thursday.

DAILY ROUTINES:

In Year 3, children come in to class by themselves when the bell rings at 8.45am and start working on their 'I can do Maths' independently. Due to limited space, we ask parents or carers to leave their children to come in independently. Registration will close at 9:00 am so please be punctual so your child can get the most out of this Maths session. If your child arrives after 9:00 am they will need to get a late card from the office. There will be a breaktime at 10.45am and lunchtime is between 12:00 pm and 1:05 pm. KS2 do not have an afternoon break but as part of the transition to KS2, Year 3 will have a short afternoon break which will gradually be phased out over the term. At the end of the day (3.30pm) children will walk down to the KS2 playground to meet their parents or go to a younger sibling's playground, if that is easier. If you need to talk to your class teacher, we will be either in the playground straight after school, you can use the Home-Link book or you can arrange an appointment to speak to us.

TOPICS:

Autumn Term 1 : Stepping into the Stone Age - We will be learning about life in Stone Age Britain. We will be looking at Cave paintings, artefacts, food, shelters and hunting.

Autumn Term 2 : Bronze Age to Iron Age - We will study how life changed with the introduction of metals and other advances in technology. We will travel through time all the way up to the time of the Celts.

If you have any expertise, artefacts or information that you are able to share with us then please let us know!

PE & GAMES:

Both classes have an outdoor games session and an indoor PE session each week. Both Year 3 classes will have an indoor and outdoor PE session each week, so please ensure your child has the correct kit in school. Their kit will be sent home at the end of each term to be washed.

Children who wear ear studs need to remove them before the lesson and all children need to have an appropriate change of footwear. Hair will need to be tied up. As the weather gets colder, please can you ensure that your child has warm clothing (e.g. plain blue tracksuit) for outside games sessions.

HOME LEARNING:

Home-learning is a great opportunity for children to explore their ideas in more depth and practice important skills.

Reading: In Year 3, children are expected to read daily either by themselves or, where possible, with an adult but it is essential that this is recorded in their reading records. Regular reading develops a child's fluency & comprehension skills and will have a positive impact upon their writing skills. Children should always have their school reading book and their Reading Record in their book bag so they can read with an adult in school. We will give them time to change their books during the week, however you can accompany your child to do this before or after school.

Spelling: There will be a weekly spelling test to learn new spelling patterns, topic words and Year 3 key words. These are used to ensure that the children are using and spelling words at the expected level for Year 3.

Children should practice their spellings as often as possible. They will also need to write a sentence for each spelling on their sheet and return it on the Wednesday morning before their test.

Maths Target tests: In Year 3, we are focussing on developing basic number skills for all children. Children will be given a termly target, covering skills such as number bonds and times tables, which they need practice at home. They will be tested weekly.

Topic: This term we will send home tasks and activities based around our Stone Age Topic. There will be a range of activities for children to choose that will help them learn about life in the Stone Age. This will be an on-going project that will last the whole term.

PARENT HELPERS:

We would be really grateful if anyone could spare some time to help in their child's class. Having parents help with reading, trips and craft activities is invaluable. If you are interested in helping regularly or on special occasion then please speak to your child's teacher. We are required by law to complete a police check on all helpers in school (including parent helpers for trips). Please ask at the office for a form to complete if you have not already been checked.

HOME SCHOOL LINK BOOKS:

Your child has been given a Home-Link Book. Please ensure that your child brings their book to school every day so we can write in it if need be. Equally, you may write a message in here to pass to your child's teacher. If you have written a message then please ask your child to show the book to their teacher.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Children need to bring in a named apron/large T-shirt to keep in school for Art lessons.
- Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack, such as fruit, for breaktime.
- Ensure that your child brings a named plastic water bottle to school that will be kept in class to be used throughout the day.
- Please make sure that all school clothes are labelled clearly with your child's name.
- This letter and other important information will be available on our class page on the school website. We will also be adding links and photos about our learning throughout the term.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Morrison

Mrs Lange and Miss Scott