

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We hope you had a relaxing half term break!

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The Year 3 team

3LW - Leanne Witchell and Jaci Doherty

3LS - Lydia Saunders and Elaine Walters / Gary Malloy

3EF - Ella Folkard and Gina Evans

Topic

Our topic this half term is Stone age to Iron age. This will be the focus for our history, geography and foundation subjects. We will be exploring and investigating what made these historical periods so important, what cave men were like and what it would've been like to live in those times. There will be a specific focus on changes in settlements, farming and culture.



English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on the text 'Ug' by Raymond Briggs, this is a funny, playful story about Ug who is the boy genius of the stone age. We will be using this book to help develop children's writing skills within the context of fiction focusing on developing a narrative. We will then be focusing on the text 'The First Drawing'.

To support children in their developing literacy skills, we will continue to teach comprehension strategies, reading and spelling activities. We are also continuing regular handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.



Maths

Our first focus for the half term will be fractions and time as well as looking at money. This will include consolidating known facts on multiplication and division and addition and subtraction methods. We will be continuing the weekly mental maths 'rocket' test. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practise their maths facts and times tables! If you are in need of a new rocket card please let your class teacher know.

Science

Our topic for this half term is Rocks and Soils, we will be investigating and observing the different properties of rocks and soil as well as looking at different rock types such as igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary. Children will be learning to carry out fair tests, classify and make observations.

Music

The children are thoroughly enjoying their weekly recorder lessons. Please continue to support them in this and encourage them to practise in their spare time.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Reading

9:30-10:45 English

BREAK

11:05-12:15 Maths

LUNCH

1:30-2:30

Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

2:30-3:20

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Dates for the diary:

12th, 13th December - House Winners' Trip

17th December - KS2 Carol Concert (after school)

20th December - Class Christmas Parties

21st December - Last day of School

* End of Autumn 2 Term - Topic homework due

24th December - 4th January 2019 - **Christmas Break**

7th January - First Day Spring Term 1

PE days: 3LW - Tuesday & Thursday

3LS - Tuesday & Thursday

3EF - Monday & Thursday