

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 3 | Autumn Term 1 | 2023



Dear Families,

Welcome to Year 3!

We hope you had a wonderful summer break.

We have a fun and productive year ahead as we step into Key Stage 2. Teaching in Year 3 this year are Ms Gray, Miss Rubens and Miss Sheldrake. We have some fantastic topics, books and experiences coming your way. Please find an overview of Autumn 1 in this newsletter.

On Seesaw, you will receive a weekly newsletter every Friday outlining the curriculum, important dates and notices for the next week.

This half term, our topic is '**Savage Stone Age**' and we will be focusing our learning around the key question '**What was life like in Britain during the stone age?**'

Our 'Hook' to launch our topic will be:

A 'portals to the past' workshop linked to the Stone Age where children can come to school dressed as Cavemen.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following experiences, websites and texts:

- Now Press Play
- Stone Age workshop
- Harvest Festival
- RE day
- Bee You cultural day

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Large, creative posters showcasing all their knowledge of the Stone Age



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

This half term we will continue to develop our writing skills. During our first unit, we will learn about Defeating a Monster Tales.

Key texts: 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Key skills: Structure of a Defeating a Monster Tale, conjunctions

Key texts: 'The Wild Way home'

Key skills: Limericks, quest tales and rewriting the ending, paragraphs

Maths:

We be practising our times tables and maths passports targets as normal.

Key topics:

Place Value

Addition and subtraction

Science: In Science, children will be looking at scientific processes such as hypotheses and will be taking part in lots of experiments to learn key vocabulary and skills.

History: Children will learn about what life was like in the Stone Age linking hunter gatherers with the concept of farming. We will study Skara Brae and discuss the Iron and Bronze age.

RE: Children are answering the key question 'What do Christians do when they pray and why?'

Art: Children will be learning the skills associated with charcoal to create charcoal cave paintings linked to Stone Henge.

PE: Children will learn symmetry and asymmetry movement skills in indoor PE and cricket skills in outdoor PE.

Music: Children will be working with Ms Kraft to look at RnB music.

PSHE: In PSHE, our topic is "Being Me in My World". We will be discussing how our actions can affect others.

French: Children will learn basic greetings and salutations.

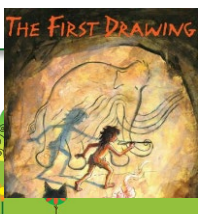
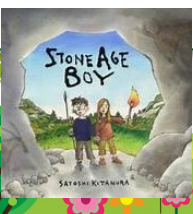
Computing: The children will be creating animations using scratch.

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

Horrible Histories- Savage Stone Age

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/stone-age>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk>



Reminders:

Homework will be given out on Seesaw and the children have until Monday to complete this.

Spelling Shed, My Maths and Times Table Rockstars logins will be stuck in reading records.

PE days are on Thursdays and Fridays