

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 3 | Autumn Term 1 | 2024



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 Sapio and Miss Paleo. 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 weekly lessons, 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.

This will take place on Friday 4th October 2024. More details to follow.

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

- Stone Age workshop
- Y3 Harvest Festival assembly
- RE day
- Space Week
- Poetry Day
- Just One Tree Day
- -Outdoor Learning

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

An interactive timeline of 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' and 'The Wild Way Home'

Key skills: Structure of a Defeating a Monster Tale, conjunctions, adjectives and adverbs

Key texts: 'The Wild Way home'

Key skills: Limericks, quest tales, play script, similes and 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 the theories surrounding Stone Henge.

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 Stonehenge.

PE: Learn symmetry and asymmetry movement skills in indoor PE and cricket skills in outdoor PE.

Music: Singing skills, (BAG) on the recorder. Learning Harvest Festival songs in preparation for our assembly.

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 as well as colours and numbers.

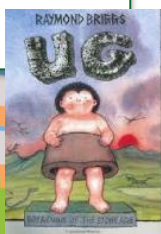
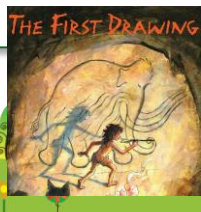
Computing: The children will be creating animations using scratch.

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.

There will also be work on the following platforms:

Spelling Shed

My Maths

Times Table Rockstars

Logins will be stuck in reading records during the first week.

PE days are on Thursdays and Fridays