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Year 3 Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! I hope you have had a fantastic summer break and are looking forward to a new school year. I know that moving into 'the juniors' can be a little scary, but don't worry; we have lots of fun and exciting activities coming up in the autumn term to make the transition into Key Stage 2 an enjoyable one.

In Year 3 we will be completing work based on a History Topic – The Stone Age to Iron Age. The topic is very interactive and allows the children to explore prehistoric Britain. The topic will be aided through the reading of 'Stone Age Boy' and the 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe' in English lessons. I know the children are going to love this topic! A lot of subjects will be linked to The Stone Age, but some just will not link – no matter how hard I've tried. Therefore, RE and Music will be taught discretely this term.

Maths

This half term we will be further developing our understanding of number and place value - looking closely at the value of 3-digit numbers and how this can help us when adding and subtracting. Children have access to Times Tables Rock stars and Conquer Maths, which has a number of different videos explaining different methods and provides children with the opportunity to practice them. In Year 3, we will be having a weekly times tables quiz - focusing on both the multiplication and division facts starting with the 3 times table.

English

Our work in English will be focused around a number of texts linked to our current topic. These include 'Stone Age Boy' and the 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe'. We will be thinking about how we write sentences and the different punctuation we can use. Children will also be developing their knowledge of the different word classes. Through the different texts, children will have the opportunity to complete a number of different writing activities including; instructions, letters, character and setting description and adventure stories. Reading is key and children will be encouraged to read a range of different texts, not just their reading book. Any reading that is completed at home can be commented on in their reading diary.

Science

In Science, we will be completing work based on the human body. We will look at how humans and other animals have a skeletal and muscular structure that helps them move. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the different food groups and how different foods can provide us with different nutrients that the body needs. We will investigate how animal's diets differ from our own and look at different food chains.

History

Within History children will be learning about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to Iron Age. Children will develop their understanding of chronology and how we can use different evidence from the past. Our work will involve looking at the developments made by early man and how important these were; investigating what daily life might have looked like in the Stone Age. Children will also have the opportunity to learn how archaeologists use evidence to learn about the past.

Art and Design

We will be completing two very different projects in this subject. We will be investigating how people during the Stone Age used cave paintings to communicate. Children will have the opportunity to create their very own masterpiece. We will also be looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy. A British sculptor who works with a range of materials to create pieces based on nature.





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PE

Our PE days this term are Monday and Thursday. Children will require their kit on both of these days, consisting of a t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and a pair of gym shoes/trainers. It is best that kit is brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. This means that children have their kit in the event of an unexpected lesson. I know a lot of the children are excited about PE in Year 3 because we do go swimming. However, this is not until the spring term and we will send out all the information closer to the time.

This half term we will be completing work based on invasion games. Children will develop their understanding of tactics and development of strategy. They will also complete lots of different activities to improve their throwing and catching skills. Teamwork will also be a focus this half term with children thinking about what makes a good leader and team player.

Computing

Children will be learning about the importance of having a strong password and keeping these private in our Digital Literacy work this half term. We will also be developing our key computing skills including; typing, inserting media, creating presentations and how to edit a document.

Music

This will be taught discretely and will be based around the song 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. It will provide children with the opportunity to improve their understanding of beat, rhythm, melody, tune and composition of music.

Spanish

This year children will have the opportunity to learn Spanish. We will be learning the numbers 1-10 and how to say their age. They will also learn the key phonic sounds and be able to ask questions in Spanish. A lot of the work completed will be done through singing and playing different games. This should be lots of fun and hopefully get the children interested in learning another language.

RE

Again, this lesson will be taught discretely and will be focused on the Hindu religion. Children will be learning what Hindus believe and how they demonstrate their faith in their daily life. We also be looking at the different values that are upheld by those practising this faith. celebrate differences and similarities between them, and to value their individual gifts and talents.

PSHCE

Within SEAL this half term, we will be looking at New Beginnings. Children will have the chance to celebrate differences and similarities between them, and to value their individual gifts and talents. Children will revisit and develop their understanding of happiness and excitement, sadness and fearfulness, as well as ways to manage feelings. They will revisit ways to calm themselves and manage the feelings associated with doing something new

Homework will continue to be an important aspect of learning in Year 3 and will be given out on a Thursday to be returned on a Tuesday. This will be a mixture of maths, writing, spelling and reading activities.

As you can see we have lots of fun and exciting learning to fit in this half term. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to contact school.

Yours Sincerely

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