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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' in English lessons. I know the children are going to love this topic!

### Maths

This half term we will be developing our understanding of number and place value - looking closely at the value of 2 and 3-digit numbers and how this can help us when adding and subtracting. Children have access to Times Tables Rock stars and Conquer Maths (logins to be given out), both of which have a number of different videos explaining different methods and provides children with the opportunity to practice them.

### English

Our work in English will be focused around a number of texts linked to our current topic. This begins with 'The Stone Age Boy'. 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. **Please don't be alarmed if your child brings home a reading book which they have previously read; this is to encourage fluency and build confidence in their reading skills.**

### Science

In Science, we will be completing work based on Rocks and Soils. We will look at how rocks are formed, what soil is made of and the link to fossils. We will be able to have some real hands-on learning with this topic which I'm sure the children will enjoy!

### History

Within History, children will be learning about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to Iron Age. They 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 a lovely project 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 be creating our own cave paintings, making our own Stone Age inspired paint and a collaborative piece of artwork.





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## PE

Our PE days this term are Monday and Thursday. Children will be able to bring their PE kit into school and we would encourage that they leave it on their peg for the rest of the half term. I know the children are excited about our PE topic this term. Please be aware that earrings must be removed for PE sessions. If your child cannot remove them on their own, they must be removed before school. If they can remove them independently, they may take them out before their session.

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. Alongside this, we have an Athletics coach coming into our PE lessons on Mondays to support the children's basic Athletic understanding.

## 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

We will focus 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.

## PSHE

Within PSHE and SRE this half term, we will be looking at 'How we can be a good friend'. Children will have chance to look at friendships, relationships, and social skills. Alongside this we will look at the Zones of Regulation where children will revisit and develop their understanding of happiness and excitement, sadness and fearfulness, as well as ways to manage feelings. They will look at ways to calm themselves and manage the feelings associated with doing something new. We will be using this tool across the school day to regulate our emotions.

Homework will continue to be an important aspect of learning in Year 3 and will be given weekly in homework folders. I will update you via the app with our Homework days so please make sure you are connected to the app and are receiving updates.

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 us at: [y3cleves@cclt.education](mailto:y3cleves@cclt.education)

Yours Sincerely

**The Year 3 Team**  
**(Miss Dalglish and Ms Jones)**





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