

## **Year 3 Newsletter**

### **Autumn 1 2023**

Welcome to Year 3! We are all looking forward to getting to know the children and we have an exciting half-term planned for them.

Throughout September we will be helping the children adjust to being back in school and helping them to make friends with their new classmates. We know that for some children this may be an anxious time but there will be many opportunities for them to talk about how they are feeling about being back at school. The Year 3 staff team are all really excited about getting to know the children and we are very glad to be back together again at school.

Now the children are in Year 3 they are not entitled to their daily piece of fruit. If you would like your child to have fruit at playtime please provide this daily.

#### **English**

We will begin the half term by reading the story 'Stone age boy'. We will discuss what it is like to live in the stone age and make comparisons to our lives now. We will focus on writing in the first person, past tense and learning to write in paragraphs. The children will plan and write a story about living in the stone age using the book as a stimulus.

#### **You can help your child to succeed in English by:**

- Listening to your child read their reading book regularly,
- Helping them to practise their weekly spellings,
- Encouraging your children to present their work neatly in their homework book.

#### **Maths**

Our maths this year will start with place value and understanding numbers up to 1000. The children will need to understand the value of each digit within a number and show numbers in different ways. We will then move on to adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers using mental and written methods. We will be holding our Times Tables Rockstars launch day which will be on Friday 22nd September.

#### **You can help your child to succeed in maths by:**

- Practising times tables and number facts with your child.
- Supporting your child with their maths homework and encouraging them to check their answers are correct.

#### **Topic**

This half-term the children will be learning about the Stone age. We will be learning about chronology and the three periods of the Stone Age. The children will find out how people lived during the Stone Age and how this differs to today's way of living.

Furthermore, they will learn about the prehistoric village Skara Brae and the famous Stonehenge.

### **Science**

In Science the children will build on their understanding of what humans need to survive from Year 2 and will classify different foods into the main food groups. They will investigate the role of each food group in the body and how it keeps us healthy. Then the children will be finding out about skeletons. We will find out why some animals have skeletons and the names of the main bones. We will look at skeletons of different animals and compare and contrast these. The children will also find out about how muscles work to move parts of the body.

### **P.E.**

P.E. kit must be brought to school on Monday. P.E. lessons are on Thursday and the children will be bringing their PE kits home on Fridays. The focus this half term will be football, most lessons will be taught outside, please make sure they are dressed appropriately in the school P.E. kit and they have trainers or pumps that fit. Please make sure your child removes any jewellery on their P.E. day and that hair is tied up.

### **Swimming**

As you you be aware we have started our swimming sessions. Although being on time is important everyday, it is especially important on Tuesdays. The children will need to be dressed with their swimwear on under their uniform and will need a waterproof bag with a towel and underwear in. Please provide your child with fruit on this day as they are usually very hungry after swimming.

### **French**

The children learn French in KS2. Ms Reddish will be teaching French. This half-term the children will be learning numbers from 0 to 10 and greetings.

### **Uniform**

The children all look very smart in their school uniform. Please make sure that all items of school uniform, including their PE kit, are labelled with your child's name so that any lost clothing can be returned to the right child quickly. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear for school which is grey or black.

### **Homework**

Maths homework will be given out on a Wednesday and will need to be returned by Friday. Topic or English homework will be given out on a Friday and this will need to be returned after the weekend on Monday. Your child will have weekly spellings which they will be practising in school during the week. These will be sent home at the weekend for your child to practise at home ready for their spelling test on Monday.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Please remember that the school day begins at 8.45 and the door will close at 8:55, if you come after the time you will need to go through the office and your child will be classed as late. The school day ends at 3:15.

### **Date for your diary:**

- Times table Rockstar day - Friday 22nd September
- Training day - Friday 13th October
- Year 3 educational trip - National Coal Mining Museum - Friday 24th November

We look forward to working with you this year and getting to know our new classes.

Mrs Scarfe, Miss Valencia, Mrs Flory, Mrs Harding, Miss Costello and Mrs Sandhu