

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2022

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.

English

We will begin the half term by reading the story 'Stone Age Boy'. We will discuss what it was like to live in the stone age and make comparisons to our lives now. We will focus on writing in the first person, using 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 (TTRS) launch day on Friday 23rd September!

You can help your child to succeed in maths by:

- Practising times tables and number facts with your child at home and on TTRS.
- 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 different historical periods of the Stone Age. The children will find out how people lived during this time in history 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

This half term we will be focusing on Rocks and Soils. We will find out about different types of rocks and their importance in outdoor environments. We will also learn about fossils and look at the story of Mary Anning. This learning will be further enhanced by our educational visit to the National Coal Mining Museum on Friday 18th November 2022. More information on this exciting visit to follow at a later date.

P.E.

P.E. kit must be brought to school on Monday. P.E. lessons are on Wednesday and the focus this half term will be football, most lessons will be taught outside, so 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 long hair is tied up.

Swimming

Swimming commenced on the week beginning the 12th September. Please make sure your children are here promptly on their swimming day - Tuesday. The children will need to be dressed with their swimwear under their uniform and will need a waterproof bag with a towel and underwear in to change into after the session. 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 - ie shoes/trainers which are black or grey.

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 and the door will close at 3:25pm.

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

The Year 3 Staff Team: Mrs Scarfe, Miss Valencia and Mrs Flory.