



Newsletter

Autumn Term



Welcome to Year 3

Welcome back to our superstar Year 3 learners! We are very excited to have children back in our calm classroom, ready and eager to learn.

We hope to have a very settled start back to Year 3 and hope that this continues to make a memorable and exciting year!

Our Topic: Stone Age

Our topic for the Autumn term (until Christmas) is going to be 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We will be doing lots of exciting activities and lessons linked to this theme to develop the children's historical knowledge and skills.



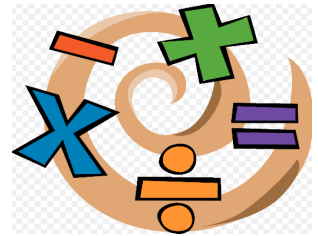
We will be reading different books to entice our learning and make reading & writing even more fun. The following books will be used:



To immerse the children in this topic we have an exciting historical experience planned. We are really looking forward to this and as soon as we have confirmed the date, we will let you know.

Maths

By the end of Year 4, all children should know their times tables up to 12×12 and will be tested on this as a National Test in Year 4.



So in Year 3, to help the children be confident in their times tables, we will have weekly times tables tests for children to progress through the different times tables. Children will need to know the times tables facts and the corresponding division facts.

During this term we will be mathematicians. We will be developing our knowledge of place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division and measurement, length and perimeter.



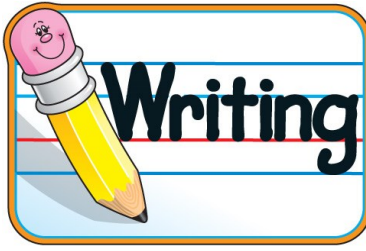
Year 3 will also be able to access Time Tables Rockstars to help them recall their times tables/division facts quickly. They will be able to access this in school and at home using a username and password. (Children should have their passwords from Year 2 but these will be sent out again at the beginning of the year.) The website to use is: play.ttrockstars.com

Reading

Children will need to read at least 4 times a week at home and have their reading diaries signed by an adult.

As well as reading at home, the Year 3 children will have an opportunity to read with an adult in school. There will also be plenty of opportunities to read during curriculum time and in 'Reading for Pleasure' time.

The children will be encouraged to read a range of texts in Fiction and Non-Fiction to help develop a lifelong love of reading. Any support from home with this would positively benefit the children's learning.



In Year 3, we will be expecting the children to be joining their letters as much as possible. We will practice this in school. It would be great for practice to happen at home also to make it even better.

This is a guide to our letter formation.



Children will come home with spellings each week to practice for their test. These are based on the spellings rules taught in Year 3.

Children will also need to know the National Curriculum spellings set for Year 3 and 4 children. These will be given as a list to you for you to help with at home. (There are 107 in total but will be split into Y3 focused spellings then Y4 focused spellings next year).

There are many different strategies you can use to help your child to practice and remember their spellings in fun ways. You can try some of these at home and see which best suit your child or use the ones your child enjoys the most. A list of these fun strategies can be provided from the Year 3 Team.

Children will be given homework every week.

Times tables: children will need to practice their times tables facts (both multiplication and division) of the times tables that they are currently on.

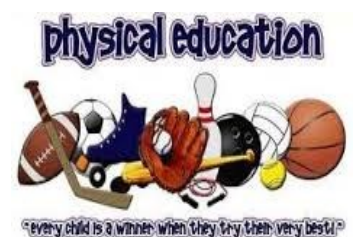
Spellings: spelling test will be every Tuesday with the new words to learn given out for the following week.

Reading: Children must do their best to read at least 4 times a week and record this in the child's reading diary. **These must come to school every day.**



PE

Our PE Days will be Thursday and Friday. This term we will be focusing on gymnastics and invasion games. We will also include cross-curricular opportunities to develop the children's skills in PE.



Dates For Your Diary

PE:

Every Thursday and Friday

Break up for Half Term:

Thursday 15th October 2026

INSET day:

Friday 16th October 2026

Back to school after Half Term:

Monday 2nd November 2026



Science

As scientists we will be focussing on Rocks and Soils, with lots of opportunities for hands on learning. In Year 3 we will also be making use of the school's Science Lab (STEM Lab) to enhance the children's learning experience.

Art

As artists, we will be creative and take our inspiration from the Stone Age to sketch and paint designs and pictures. We will also research a famous Artist, and undertake art work which is inspired by the artist Henry Moore.



During playtime, children can bring a healthy snack from home to eat as their snack. This could be a piece of fruit, a cereal bar, carrot/pepper/cucumber sticks etc. Children should also bring a clearly named water bottle, containing only water or flavoured water.

The Tuck Shop is open for business again this year and the children will be able to get a snack at break time, which is at 10.15am.

Year 3 Teaching Team

Mr Shaw- Teacher

Mrs Meakin- Teaching Assistant