



YEAR 3 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Dearest Parents /Carers of our lovely Year 3s,

Welcome back to school after what has hopefully been a lovely, joyful and restful summer!

We have been really pleased with how well the children have settled into KS2 so far. If they continue working as hard as they are already, we are sure they will do fantastically well this year!



This letter will give you an outline of some of the things we will be covering in class this term. We have lots of exciting things planned for the children who will learn through a rich, varied curriculum packed with lots of fun!

SUBJECTS:



English

We will be continuing to use the Power of Reading approach to teach English. We will start with a quality text and relate the majority of our English work to that book, making cross-curricular links where relevant. We will explore some fantastic books including 'Stone Age Boy', 'The Frog Prince continued' and 'The Ice Palace'. We will focus on SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), allow children the opportunity to express their ideas and imagination through talk, and develop writing skills including widening their vocabulary and building up their stamina for writing longer pieces.

Maths

As a school, we have started following the White Rose maths scheme and we supplement, modify and extend this with other resources as necessary to ensure full coverage of the curriculum. So far, we have worked on place value which will be followed by learning different methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. By the end of the Year 3, pupils are expected to be fully confident in the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables - any support you are able to offer your child with this would be hugely beneficial! 😊

History:

Our topic this term is the Stone Age. We will be studying the differences in life in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and comparing it to our lives now. We kicked things off with a fantastic Stone Age day which sparked the children's interest and we will continue to find out more about this period with links to the Arts.

Was everything
made out of stone
in the Stone Age?

Science

Do you want to be a 'Rock Star'?

In Science this half term, we will be training to become 'Rock Stars' by learning about rocks, soil and fossils. We will be learning about the different types of rocks and their properties, to understand what soil is made up of and how fossils form. We are very excited about the different investigations and experiments that are awaiting us!

In the next half term, we will start our topic 'Animals including humans'.

French:

The children will begin to learn French through learning vocabulary, basic conversational phrases and through songs and games.

RE:

We will begin with an introduction to Hinduism. Next half term, we will cover different aspects of Christianity.

Homework:

Homework will be set on Fridays and due the following Wednesday. Each week, we will set a homework task from a chosen subject area. Alongside this, we expect the children to practise their times tables on 'Times Tables Rock Stars' and complete the ActiveLearn tasks (this may include comprehension work and mathematics).

Spelling:

The children already have a spelling booklet which sets out the weekly spellings. They need to learn their spellings to be tested on Fridays. The booklet has various fun ways of practising them so please ensure the children use these.

Reading:

Regular reading is vital for children's knowledge and learning across the curriculum. Therefore, we expect the children to read every day and regularly with an adult.

Parent helpers:

If you would like to come in to school on a weekly basis to help with cooking and reading, please let us know.

If you have any worries or concerns, please feel free to come and see us at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kaynak, Mrs Meloy and Mrs Michael

