

## Year 3 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a lovely summer break.

### Curriculum

Our History topic for first half term is Stone Age to Iron Age where we will be finding out about the everyday lives of people in the Stone Age and compare with our lives today.

Next half term we will be learning to name and locate the Worlds Mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.

### English

In English the children will be using a range of quality fiction and non-fiction texts to stimulate their writing. Some of the texts will include 'Ug, Boy Genius of the Stone Age' by Raymond Briggs and 'Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf' by David Almond.

Children will maintain reading through regular independent and guided sessions which can be fully supported with daily reading at home. We encourage children to read with an adult at home at least three times a week.

### Maths

In Maths we will continue to follow the 'Inspire Maths' programme, building on the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach, ensuring a deeper understanding of all mathematical concepts (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division)

### Science

Our science topic this half term is 'Rocks and Soils' where the children will be learning to compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. They will describe how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock

They will also learn to recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

Next half term we will move on to learning about 'Animals including humans' where the children will be learning to identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. They will also identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

The children will continue to have opportunities to work scientifically and apply skills of investigation.

### Other areas

In Music, the children are learning how to play the ukulele. They have been looking at the different parts of the instrument and they will hopefully become confident ukulele players! In addition to this they will be developing their repertoire of songs.

This term, within RE, we will be exploring Judaism through looking at their beliefs and the different rules they follow.

In Computing the children will be learning how to create a simple code to control an lego model.object.

They will also be learning how to control a character using the app 'Hopscotch'

Outdoor PE will be every other Monday, for which the children will need suitable footwear. Indoor PE will be every other Friday.

Spellings and Times Tables will be sent home every Thursday to be returned on the following Tuesday, when they will be tested. The homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of each half term with a range of different activities for your child to complete if they so wish.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to a successful term. If you have any concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with us.

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