

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 1

Message from Teacher

Hello Parents! We hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. As we begin 2024 together, we are excited to see the progress the children are going to make. The children have so far settled back into school raring to go and with great determination having been well rested over their holidays.



Key Dates for the Diary

NSPCC Number Day - Friday 2nd February 2024

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6th February 2024

Half Term - Monday 12th February 2024

Key Information



Your child has PE on **Tuesday (Indoors)** and **Wednesday (Outdoors)**. Please can you make sure that your child always has their P.E kit in school on these days.

Your child's **reading day** will be displayed on the front cover of their reading record book. Please try to read with your child as much as you possibly can.

Homework

Your child will continue to receive both spelling and maths homework weekly. As part of their maths homework they should go on **Times Table Rock Stars** (minimum 3 times a week).

Our Learning in Year Three

Maths: This half term, we have started our new topic of **Multiplication and Division**. Your child will be learning to: Use arrays, share and group objects, multiply and divide by 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10.

We have started to look at arrays and how we can use them to identify multiplication number sentences. We have also looked at our prior knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. However, we are going to continue going over these to ensure that all children are confident.

English: This half term, we will be learning the story of 'Stone Age Boy' in English. We have started with a fiction unit and focused on writing portal stories. Firstly, the children will complete the Imitation Stage which will focus on fronted adverbials and sentence structure using a range of punctuation correctly. Next, the children will innovate the story so that they are writing a four-part story from the perspective of another character in the story. Then, they will write their own portal story using ideas from the 'Stone Age Boy' text to help them.

Once we have completed the fiction unit we will start a **non-fiction** unit. The children will learn a non-chronological report and then look at the features of a non-chronological report so that they can create their own. We will finish the unit with a week of poetry where the children will focus on rhyming and how to use it to engage their readers.

Other Curriculum Areas

Phonics: During Phonics this half term, we will be looking at reading and writing polysyllabic words linked to the National Curriculum expectations. The children have been very busy reading and writing polysyllabic words, building upon their spelling homework.

Geography: In Geography, we will be looking at **My place in the world**. Throughout this unit we will be looking at the UK and its place in the world. Within the topics we will be exploring population, migration, rural and urban areas, tourism and weather.

Science: In Science, the children will be starting a new topic looking at 'Rocks'. They will be starting the unit by exploring names and features of rocks. As the unit continues, the children will be able to compare different rocks, naming different types of rocks and recognising that soils are made from rocks.

P.E: This half term in P.E, the children will be doing **Hockey** and **Gymnastics** which will test lots of different skills.

R.E/PSHE: Our current topic in R.E is 'Journeys'. We will be thinking about the Christian family's journey through life with Jesus. This will include looking at the Church's calendar year and comparing it to ours and how it can impact our lives.

French: The children will be learning about **All About Me**. In this unit they will develop an understanding of character description describing their hair, eyes, skin and height.

