

English

We will exploring the book 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura *this half term* and learning all about historical fiction. We will look at different features of this book including characters, setting and dialogue. We will then create a historical story based on the Stone Age.

We will continue to use the story to support the deepening of Year 3 grammar, spelling and creative writing skills. We will then use all of these skills to help us write our own version of the story.

Handwriting: We will have daily handwriting sessions that will teach the children correct letter formation, joins and how to use a pen correctly.

Reading: We will be reading the story 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will be making predictions; clarify vocabulary by exploring meanings of words; retrieving and recording key information and explaining main events and drawing inferences from evidence.

Spellings: We will continue to set weekly spellings for most children in Year 3, although some children will have their own spellings to suit their needs. In Guided Reading sessions, we will address any gaps in phonics learning that we see through our class teaching and phonics assessments.



Understanding Arts and Culture

Music: We will continue to use Music Express to learn how to follow beats, rhythm and tempo. We will also sing songs in harmony and create our own short musical pieces.

Rainforest class will be learning to play the violin *this term*.

Super Stone Age!

Year 3
Spring 1



Understanding the World

History: We will explore The Stone Age and Iron Age *this term*. We will look at how people lived, what life was like for different groups of people and some key historical events and places of this time.

RE: Identity and Belonging - Belonging to a family, a community; challenges and religious leadership.

Spanish: We will learn how to name fruit, vegetables and explain our likes/dislikes in Spanish.

Understanding Science and Technology

Science: Rocks, Fossils and Soil! We will continue to investigate the world we live in. We will be identifying and grouping rocks, understanding how fossils are made. We will explore soil and understand its importance. We will then plan soil investigations and develop our inquiry skills.

DT: We will be designing, making and evaluating our own bead necklaces for our stone age/iron age History projects.

Computing: We will be learning how to use animation to convey a short story or sequence of events.



Maths

Number: We will begin the term by learning more of our multiplication facts to help us with formal methods of multiplication and division later on in the term. We will also begin to explore shape and measure as we move towards the second half of the term.

We will continue to learn our times tables and use TTrackstars to consolidate our learning and improve both speed and recall.



Fluency: During fluency sessions, we will address any gaps in that still remain whilst also overlearning and deepening the children's understanding of key concepts. These sessions will consist of quick games and will be lots of fun for everyone but are vital for the children's learning and retention of important areas of mathematics.

Understanding our Health and Well-Being

PE: We will be developing our fundamental skills such as balance, agility, speed, coordination and control when running, hopping and skipping We will also be developing our Gymnastics skills further.

PSHCE: Dreams and Goals. We will set ourselves goals and plan how we can achieve them.

“Learn. Believe. Achieve.”



Our School Values: Resilient, Persistent, Self-Motivated, Risk-Takers, Creative, Good Citizens, Entrepreneurial

It is Spring term! The term for all of the Year 3 classes to create their class assemblies and we hope the weather gets a little warmer for more outside fun.

Homework: Homework and spellings will be on **Education City** or stuck in homework books every Friday. We will send a Marvellous Me message to you to let you know that homework has been set each week.

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Reading: We ask that children in Year 3 read their books for a short time each night and we will read with the children regularly throughout the week at school. Please don't forget to write their efforts in their reading record so we can reward them at school for fantastic home reading.

As always, please see the Class Teacher if you have any concerns or questions about school and we will be happy to help you.

Times Tables: We ask that you get your child to play Times Table Rockstars for a short amount of time each day and practise quick recall with them of their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will be introduced to 3, 4 and 8 times tables this term also.

Miss George (Savannah Class and Year Group Leader)

Miss Denman (Rainforest Class)

Miss McBride (Desert Class)