



Year Three News

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Stone Age to Iron Age

This term Year 3's learning has a focus on the Stone Age and Iron Age and how life adapted during these periods with inventions of 'new' technologies. All the History, English and Science will be based around this theme.

Mayhill Habit

Each half term has a different Mayhill Habit which the children will enquire into, develop a deeper understanding of and be able to explain how they are able to apply this habit into their own learning and life. This half-term's habit of focus is **INDEPENDENCE**.

English

Our first text is 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne, which we will use to learn word classes and make simple descriptions based on the imaginative illustrations in the book. We will next be looking at the book 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura, which fits beautifully with our theme 'CHANGE' and links to our History topic of Stone Age to Iron Age. We will be using the text to identify the difference between the ages, and gain a deeper understanding of life in the Stone Age whilst creating our own stories.

Please support your child at home by reading with them at least 3 times a week, and record this in their reading record. Reading records will be collected in every Monday, and we will monitor their progress and update their reading levels when necessary. Your child will receive spellings every week, and they will be tested on their spellings on a weekly basis. Please support them with learning their spellings.

Maths

We begin the term with a focus on number and place value. The children will learn to recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number, order and compare numbers up to 1,000, round any number to the nearest 10 or 100, and identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations. The children will be using place value grids, counters, cards and base 10 to enable them to securely understand the composition of three-digit numbers.

Moving on from place value, we will learn to add and subtract numbers with up to three digits using formal written methods where appropriate. Children will use their knowledge to solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts and will practise choosing the correct number operations and methods. We will look at using the inverse operation to check answers and make links between rounding and estimating. Please can you support your child by ensuring they complete their maths homework each week and encouraging them to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars for regular times tables practice.

INDEPENDENCE
COMMUNICATION

CRITICAL THINKING
RESILIENCE

COLLABORATION
RESPECT

Science

This half term our scientific focus will be on rocks. We will look at the composition of rocks, how they are formed and classified, and exploring the 'record in the rocks'. This will lead us to looking at fossils, discovering how they are formed and where we are likely to find them. We will be setting up our own scientific enquiry, and use our concept words to support our learning.

PE/Games

Children have two PE sessions each week, with each session lasting an hour – including changing time. It is really important that children have their kit in school on these days. As the weather is now getting wetter and cooler please ensure that your child has black or navy blue tracksuit bottoms in their kit and a **non-hooded** sweatshirt (not their school jumper).

- **Activity 1: Thursday afternoon - Fundamentals**

- **Activity 2: Friday afternoon - Gymnastics**

We therefore ask for your support in encouraging your child to bring their PE kit home everyone Friday for washing.

- **Activity 3: Daily Mile** – at the end of each lunchtime, children will take part in the Daily Mile before they return to their classrooms.



Homework

More information on homework will be available at the 'Meet the Teacher' events on the 13th September at 3:30pm.

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting half-term. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning, do send a note in, or come and speak to us at the end of the school day on the playground.

Kind regards,
The Year Three team
Mr Barry and Mrs Ray

Dates for the diary:

Meet the Teacher

13th September, 3.30pm

Individual School Portraits

13th September

Harvest Festival

6th October

Parents' Evenings

17th October

18th October

HALF TERM

23rd - 27th October

Inset Day

30th October