

Welcome to Year 3

Autumn Term

Maths

In Maths, we will be working on; place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We are using problem solving and reasoning alongside our maths to improve our mathematical skills.

It is important that your child regularly practices times tables, in which they can use times table rock stars, in preparation for the weekly arithmetic tests.

History

This term our topic for history is 'The Stone Age to the Iron Age'.

We will look at how life progressed through the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic stages of the Stone Age, through to the age of metals within the Bronze and Iron Ages.

Design & Technology

We have been learning about castles, their features and functions. We will be designing and creating our own castle using junk modelling and 3D shapes created from shape nets.



Class Teacher

Miss Helters-Royce

Teaching Assistant

Mrs Kelly

English

In English, we have started the year looking at adventure stories relating to our history topic. The children are writing their own version of a little girl's daydream which takes her on an adventure into the Stone Age.

Following this, we will be learning the stages of writing a set of instructions, developing our use of imperative verbs.

Poetry will be a focus in this autumn term, recognising the features of calligram and concrete style poetry to be able to produce a piece of poetry ourselves.

Every morning, we take on our vocabulary ninja challenge to help expand our vocabulary and develop our English skills.

Reading

In year 3 we are promoting a love of reading. Could you please encourage your child to read regularly at home and sign their reading records? There is an opportunity for children to earn the reward of taking the class 'Bedtime Reading Box' home on a Friday.

Throughout the week, we complete comprehension reading tasks in class which helps us to improve our vocabulary and skills in inference, predictions, explaining, retrieving and summarising.

We also enjoy sharing a class read together.

Science

In science, we are looking at teeth and digestion. We have identified the names of each tooth, the different functions and we have conducted an experiment testing the effectiveness of toothbrushes, using comparative and fair testing. We looked at what happens to food throughout the stages within the digestive system and next, will learn to identify producers, predators and prey in food chains.

R.E

We have started by looking at the importance of the Bible within the Christian faith, including its contents and how it is used by Christians in their day to day lives.

Homework

Homework is set every Friday; it consists of three different tasks and is to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday.

In class 3, homework serves two main functions: Firstly, it helps to inform teaching staff whether your child understands the week's learning. Secondly, it helps to prepare your child for the termly progress assessments. It is, therefore, important for all children to attempt homework.

French

French lessons begin in year 3 and we have started this term with learning various greetings.