



Woodpeckers



Welcome to Year 3! We are so glad to welcome the children back to school. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break and that the children are ready for an action packed half term in Year 3.

Our main topic for the half term is 'Tribal Tales' which focuses on prehistoric history from the Stone Age (mainly the Neolithic period), then through the Bronze and Iron Ages. During this topic we will cover the following areas:

- Using dates and vocabulary relating to the passing of time, including ancient, modern, BC, AD, century and decade.
- The gradual transfer from hunter gatherer to farming and settlements.
- Looking at how we find out about the different Ages from different sources, including discovering more about the finds at Skara Brae in Orkney, and make comparisons with modern life.
- Explore the significance of monuments, such as dolmens, megaliths and henges.
- Research and identify how the extraction of metals from ores triggered the Copper, Bronze and Iron Ages.
- Exploring and recreating Stone Age paintings, such as those from the Lascaux and Chauvet Caves, and telling stories through them without writing words.
- To identify how ancient people lived from day to day and what evidence there is to support this.
- We will have a Topic Day later this half term to complete a range of topic related practical activities.

Our school value this half term is GENEROSITY.

As well as our main topic we will also cover these areas:

- In PE, we will be improving our ball skills.
Woodpeckers PE days are Monday and Thursday. **PE kits will go home on Friday to be washed and returned on Monday. They should be in school every day.**
- In French, we will be learning the vocabulary for numbers from 0-10, greetings, asking for and giving names, and classroom instructions.
- In Music, our focus would have been descant recorder this half term. Hopefully, we will do this later in the year so we are exploring Stone Age music and instruments, drumming and word rhythm patterns and creating cave music with echoes, reverberation and use of pitch.
- In ICT our focus is on e-safety and following the SMART Code to keep safe when using the internet.
- In PSCH we focus is to help the children to feel they belong and are safe in school. We will discuss how to reconnect with friends, manage fears and worries and help children to look forward to the coming year.
- In Science we will be focusing on Rocks, comparing and recognising different types of rocks and soils and their properties, describing in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock, and recognising that soils are made from rocks and other organic matter.
- In RE our topic will be to understand how and why believers show their commitments through the journey of life and relating this to our own unique journeys.
- In Maths we will be following the New National Curriculum, with a focus on number and place value, counting, addition and subtraction and geometry.

- In English we will establish links with our topic work to look at Adventure and Mystery stories, using the classic children's book, 'Stig of the Dump' as a focus; we will also look at explanation texts and take part in performance poetry.



When the children enter Key Stage 2 the government provision of fruit no longer continues. Please do feel free to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for break time contained in sealed disposable bag or wrapping.

Woodpeckers will be taught by Mrs Browning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs Pottruff teaching the class on Thursday and Friday.

If you have any concerns or want to discuss anything throughout the year, please feel free to contact us via the school office.

We look forward to a great year.

The Woodpeckers Team

