

NEWSLETTER FOR YEAR 3 AUTUMN 2019



Welcome

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to this new school year. Our Autumn newsletter provides details of this term's curriculum activities. This term there will be lots of interesting and imaginative learning opportunities during our new topic work on the Stone Age and Extreme Survival.

Sports

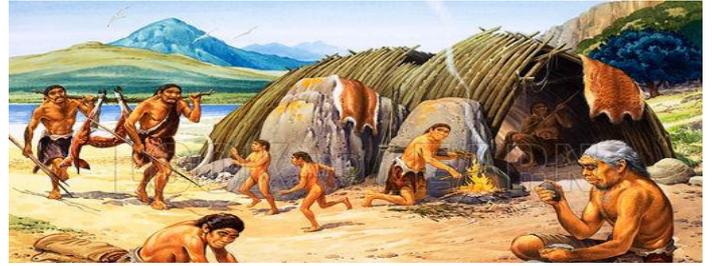
P.E will take place on Thursday and Friday afternoons, with both sessions involving outdoor sports. However, with the changeable weather, there may be weeks when the PE session is changed at the last minute, so please can you ensure children have their kits in school every day.

A reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct sports/P.E kit in school. Their indoor kit consists of a plain white T-shirt (with no logos) and red shorts. They will also need an outdoor kit, which could consist of dark blue or black tracksuit, white T-shirt and trainers.

Children should also bring a carrier bag for wet or muddy trainers/clothes, which will then be sent home.

Year 3 will be having a Wellie Wednesday lesson each week. Children will need to bring in a change of trousers/bottoms and wellies for this lesson.

The Stone Age



Homework Information

Homework timetable:

Monday:	Spelling test
Thursday:	Weekly Maths homework due in
Friday:	Times tables test; weekly Athletics homework set

There may also be additional homework set linking to English or our topic. When such homework is set, the children will be provided with a sheet to complete or with an explanation of the task. In the second half term, the children will be set a homework project to complete, and detailed information of this will be provided for them.

In Year 3, children are expected to take responsibility for their own homework. If they do require help, please make a note on their homework so additional support can be given in class.

Pupils are expected to record their own reading in their reading diary, but will still need to read to an adult at home on a regular basis.

Topics

This term our two topics will be the Stone Age and Extreme Survival.

ENGLISH: We will be using a range of texts and visual stimuli to focus on key writing skills, such as spelling & punctuation, developing vocabulary and learning to write new types of sentences.

HISTORY: We will be studying life during the Stone Age, including key events and inventions throughout that time.

GEOGRAPHY: We will be learning about different types of extreme weather and the areas of the world which they affect.

SCIENCE: We are rocks and fossil, as well as plants and their habitats.

MATHEMATICS: We will be focusing on place value of numbers, addition and subtraction and developing times tables. Children will also be learning how to use their knowledge to reason about their maths, as well as solving problems.

ART/DT: Our art and design work will be linked to our topics. We will be creating Stone Age cave paintings and 3D model volcanoes.

ICT: We will develop key skills in a range of subjects.

RE: We will be following the new Warwickshire RE Syllabus. The first topics will include how people think about God, the importance of the Bible to Christians, as well as work on Advent and Christmas towards the end of the term.

PE: Children will be receiving lessons in handball and improving fitness this term.

PSHE: Rules, personal targets, friendships and other relationships, health and happiness, rights and responsibilities.



Diary dates

20th September - Year 3 Stone Age Experience day - more information to follow

8th and 10th October - Parents' evening

28th October-3rd November - Half term

12th December - School Pantomime trip

20th December - Last day of term

There will also be some school-led church services throughout the term. These dates will be confirmed in the school newsletter.

I am looking forward to a great year with this new Year 3 class. It will be a year where children will learn a huge range of new skills, discover much more about the world around them and will learn how to become effective, independent learners.

If you ever have any questions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to come and ask me.

Mr. Tim Swards