



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3 Autumn 2019










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This is a summary of the learning programme for your child this term:

	English	In English lessons, we will be exploring a range of texts linked to our 'Stone and Bones' topic. These texts will be used to model writing and extend skills in grammar, vocabulary and spelling. In Year 3, we will continue to develop your child's fluency in reading and their comprehension skills. Children will take part in weekly guided reading sessions, focussing on the key skills they need to progress.
	Maths	During the first term, we will be teaching the children to love numbers and strengthen their understanding of place value. We will be teaching mental and written methods for the four number operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The learning will be supported with lots of practical equipment and opportunities to apply their skills to solve problems. Please encourage your child to practise his/her times tables at home using the TT Rock Stars website.
	Topic	This term, the children will be travelling back in time to learn about 'Stones and Bones.' They will become historians as we research and investigate the prehistoric era. Geography links will be made with famous historic sites such as Skara Brae and Stonehenge. Art, design and technology skills will be developed using a range of materials to produce cave paintings, collages and even moving mammoths!
	Science	Our science work this term will be very much linked to our Stone Age topic. The focus for the first half term will be on 'Light'; the children will learn about light sources and the formation of shadows, linking learning to the Stone Age site of Stonehenge. After half term, the focus will be on 'Rocks and Fossils' which again links perfectly to our 'Stones and Bones' learning journey.
	Religious Education	In RE we will be exploring the teachings of Jesus in more depth. We will be considering how our actions have consequences, not only for us, but for those around us. Children will have opportunities to share their own ideas with others, as well as being encouraged to listen to and respect the beliefs of others.
	Music	This term, children are very lucky to have weekly whole class instrument tuition with a specialist music teacher. They will be exploring rhythm and beat and learning to play percussion instruments. The children will also be taught to follow musical notation.
	PSHE	We will start this term by considering why we need rules, both at school and at home. We will also explore what a community is, and how we can both affect and be affected by our community. Furthermore, we will learn about the skills required for good relationships and how to resolve conflicts.
	Computing	This term, we will be continuing to develop your child's independence using a variety of computer programs. During weekly sessions in our computer suite, the children will be taught to use the internet for research and the importance of E-safety. We will also be learning how to send and reply to emails.
	PE	During the first half of the Autumn term, we will be playing invasion games including hockey and netball. During the second half of the term, the children will develop their dance skills and fitness. Our PE days will usually be Wednesdays and Thursdays so please leave jewellery at home on these days and send outdoor clothing and trainers.
	Language	In Year 3, we will begin to learn French! Children will be taught to greet each other this term as well as counting in French, the days of the week and the months of the year.

Additional information:

Homework will be set each Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday; Maths homework will usually be an online MyMaths task and there will be weekly spellings.