

## Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 2

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a great Winter break. We are excited to start the New Year and many new topics. If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher or teaching assistant as we are here to help in any way we can.

### LITERACY

As our theme this half term in the Stone Age, our fiction text will be 'Stone Age Boy'. We will 'zoom in' on parts of the story to help to write a range of pieces based on the story including: instructions, setting and character descriptions. Our end of unit objective will be to write a sequel set in the Stone Age. Our non-fiction unit will be based around producing a persuasive text. Creating a 'Stone Age camp' will be our starting point and from there we will produce a leaflet to encourage people to visit. Our poetry unit will focus on producing and performing poems about Stone Age animals. Remember, you can help your child with their learning by discussing what they have studied during the day's lesson. **Homework** for English will be set weekly. The children will be expected to learn their spellings and to complete a reading comprehension each week. Please encourage your child to read their Accelerated Reader book for at least 20 minutes a day, we ask that you sign the reading record at the end of each week to confirm that your child has read for 20 minutes each night. The reading record and their Accelerated Reader book should be brought to school each day.

### Mathematics

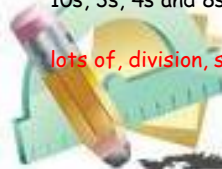
Children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands of Maths throughout the rest of this year:

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and Space)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term, pupils in Year 3 will be learning about multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times table before moving onto formal written methods for both.

We will be having a big focus on multiplication and division facts. To support them with their learning, children should be using Mathletics online on a weekly basis. If your child does not have access to the internet at home, please let us know and we can provide paper copies of Mathletics homework. You can help your child by practising their 3s, 4s and 8s with them at home: children have log ins to TTRockstars which they can access online or via the app and you could also help them learn their multiplication facts using page 120 of their planner. By the end of Year 3, children should know the multiplication and division facts for the 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s up to 12x.

**Key vocabulary:** Multiplication, equal groups, lots of, division, sharing, grouping



### SCIENCE

In science, children will build on their knowledge and understanding of forces and magnets. They will name parts of a magnet and be able to explain the different poles. Children will learn about how forces work. We will plan and carry out experiments testing force and also attraction and repulsion.

#### Key Vocabulary:

Fair test                      conclusion  
prediction                  force  
positive and negative  
magnet





# Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Gymnastics

PSHE- Honesty, respect, empathy, responsibility, resolving conflicts

Spanish -

History - What was the Stone Age?



## The Bulletin Board

### Things to remember:

#### **Monday:**

P.E. kits needed

#### **Monday:**

Maths Homework will be set - Due in following Monday.

#### **Friday:**

T.E.D and comprehension homework will be set.

Comprehension: due in Tuesday

T.E.D: due in Wednesday

Spelling: test every Friday

**Every day:** Reading Book  
Reading Record  
Planner

#### Weekly Homework:

Daily reading (20mins)

T.E.D

Reading comprehension

Spellings

Mathletics



## IMPORTANT DATES

**W/C 2/11/20** - Speak Out, Stay Safe Week

**9/11/20** - Parents' Evening 3 (3.30-6pm)

**11/11/20** - Remembrance Day Assembly

**13/11/20** - Children in Need Non-Uniform Day -  
£1 per family

**17/11/20** - Individual School Photos

**W/C 16/11/20** - Anti-Bullying Week

**W/C 16/11/20** - Learning about Road Safety in  
PSHE

**20/11/20** - Odd Socks Day to raise awareness  
of Anti-Bullying

**W/C 23/11/20** - Allergy Awareness Week

**W/C 30/11/20** - Advent and Christingle

**W/C 7/12/20** - Human Rights Week

**W/C 14/12/20** - Getting ready to keep ourselves  
safe over the holidays (NSPCC Pants Assembly/  
Internet Legends Code)

**18/12/20** - Christmas Jumper Day

**Uniform** - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

**Reading** - Year 3 pupils should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Children will take a quiz on the reading book they bring to read at home.