## Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 2



Welcome back after a well-deserved two weeks off. Miss Gatehouse and Mrs Kelly are delighted to welcome the Year 3 children back to school for another exciting half term of learning. As we move into term 2 we will be continuing to work hard across the curriculum to ensure that the children achieve their full potential. As always, if you have any queries about anything covered in the Year3 curriculum please do not hesitate to contact the year 3 team who will be happy to assist you,



This term, we will be reading *The Stone Age Boy*, a book that has proven very popular with previous year 3 cohorts. This historical narrative will inform the writing that the children will complete in class, with opportunity for them to write their very own narrative based on historical facts that they will discover through their own research!

The children will continue to revisit grammatical terminology taught in previous years whilst building upon this to develop a broader understanding of the key principles taught in year3.

## **Key vocabulary:**

Main clause, subordinating clause, conjunction adverbial phrase, inverted comma.

## Mathematics

In maths, children will begin to explore the four operations, focussing on addition and subtraction. Starting with addition, children will develop their understanding of place value and exchanging.

There will be lots of opportunities for the children to practise varied fluency and problem solving using a range of mathematical equipment.

In addition, children in year 3 will practise their multiplication facts daily by using the chant that they have come to know very well! We will focus specifically on 2's, 10's and 5's.

## **Key vocabulary:**

Total, difference between, minus, subtract, exchange.





In science, children will be exploring friction. They will begin the unit by investigating how a push and pull force works. Following this, children will begin to understand how friction works, and how air and water resistance can impact on frictional force.





**History** – The children will travel back in time to the prehistoric era, discovering many interesting facts about life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

**PE** – Our unit is dance. Children will develop an understanding of canon poses and begin to choreograph their own sequences.

**PSHE**- Our focus in PSHE this half term is all about law. Children will reflect on why rules and laws are in place and how they help us to stay safe in our community.

**RE**— This half term, children will continue to learn about Judaism and some of the important festivals assosciated with this religion.

**Design and Technology:** Children are going to design and make a pencil case.





