

## Year 3 Newsletter - Term 1 Autumn 2021

### **Welcome back!**

We are really looking forward to an exciting year full of lots of fantastic learning. Our topic in Year 3 this term will be 'The Stone Age to Iron Age'.

### **English**

We will start the term with poetry where we will write our own acrostic poems. The first book we will be reading this term is *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. This is a perfect text to help children in their understanding of how to use story language to retell a tale with a twist. The children will be developing techniques such as using adjectives, expanded noun phrases and recapping on how to use capital letters and full-stops.

During Black History Month we will be reading the book *Sulwe*. We will use this to write a diary entry and a letter to the main character.

Please try to read with your child for 10 minutes each day. This will really help to improve not only their reading skills but also their writing skills.

### **Maths**

In Maths we will be focusing on a range of different objectives. We will mainly be looking at Number and Place value. Using partitioning and ordering 2 and 3 digit numbers. Adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers.

The children will also be completing a daily Rock Stars times tables test focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please practise at home.



### **Science**

This term, our science topic is 'Animals, including humans'. Throughout this topic, children will be taught to identify that animals including humans need the right types and amount of nutrition and about balanced diets. We will also be learning about skeletons and muscles and their purpose.

## Topic

In History, this term we will be learning about The Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will be discovering fascinating facts about the life of Stone Age people, where they lived, what they ate and what they looked like. We will also learn about the tools and weapons they made and their survival alongside creatures such as the woolly mammoth.

In RE, we will look at Hinduism, their beliefs and the story of Rama and Sita linked to Diwali.

In Spanish, we will be learning to count to 10 and how to greet each other.

In PSHE, we will be considering ourselves and our relationships with



## PE

PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.

Children should come to school in their school uniforms and bring their PE kit in a bag. They will need to wear an appropriate outdoor PE kit (white t-shirt, black or navy joggers, shorts or leggings and no jewellery). In order to maximise learning time, children will remain in the PE kits after the lesson until the end of the day.

Children should also bring a water bottle.

This term they will be developing a range of different skills using coordination and balance.

## Home learning

Please continue to practise times tables at home because these are essential skills, which will be applied in Maths. Your children can use a free educational Maths game called Hit the Button to practise their times tables on the computer at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day.

Miss Ahlas (Scarlet class), Mrs Hardy and Mr MacKenzie (Crimson class)

## Home-School Communications

All our communications with parents are via the School Comms app. If you have not already signed up to this, please go the website: <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> This will give you information on how to create a log in and how to download the app.

If you have any issues, please can you contact the school office.

