

Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 1 – ‘Stone Age to Iron Age’

Welcome back!
We hope you enjoyed your holiday.
This term our topic is ‘Stone Age to Iron Age’.



English

In our English lessons, we will be inspired by the book 101 Dalmations by Dodie Smith. This is a perfect text to help children in their understanding of how to use story language to re-tell a story. The children will be continuing to develop techniques such as using fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, adjectives and conjunctions.

We look forward to reading high quality texts with the children and developing their inference, comprehension, prediction and summarising skills.

Please try to read with your child daily.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction. In particular, we will be looking at how to use the column method to add and subtract a three and two-digit number. 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. In class we will continue to practise our 3, 4 and 8 times tables and think of strategies to help improve the scores in Rock Stars.

Science

This term we will be learning about light and shadow. We will learn how we use light to see and that darkness is the absence of light. We will see how light is reflected from different surfaces and we will learn about the dangers of the light from the sun. We will also make shadow puppets using different materials to learn whether they are opaque, translucent or transparent.

Topic

Our main topic focus this term is History. We will be focusing on The Stone Age and learning about their daily life, the clothes they wore, the weapons they used and the food they ate.

In Computing this term our focus will be online safety. We will look at what exactly appropriate and safe online material is.

In RE we are learning about Judaism. We will begin by learning about the Synagogue, and considering our own special places. We will also learn about the celebrations Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and the use of the Kippah, Tallit and Tzitzit.

In SRE we will be learning about the importance of respecting peoples personal space. We will also be taking part in one-hour weekly well-being and resilience sessions.

PE

This term Crimson will continue to go swimming every Friday afternoon. Please make sure your child has the correct swimming kit or they will not be allowed to swim. This will be their last term. We will also be developing our teamwork and communication skills this term on a Thursday morning. Children need to wear black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts and a plain white t-shirt. This needs to be separate to their school uniform and not worn underneath their uniform. Please make sure your child has their name written in all of their clothing.

Home learning

Your child will have one piece of literacy homework and one piece of maths homework. We will also be giving out a project related to our topic due back on Wednesday 12th February. Please encourage your child to read daily. Your child's book will be changed every Friday once they have returned their book. Please continue to practice times tables at home because these are essential skills which will be applied in maths.

Key dates:

Parent topic morning- Thursday 30th January

Year 3 pedestrian training- 6th February

Learning Experiences

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution. This enables us to create memorable learning experiences for the children, through the use of visitors, workshops etc.

In Term 1 we used Now Press Play

In Term 2 we took part in a circus skills workshop.

In Term 3 we will have a workshop on The Stone Age being delivered by CREW.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure these visits can take place. Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks.

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.
Lisa Andrews (Crimson Class) and Melissa Gordon (Scarlet Class).