

# Year 3 Spring Newsletter



Welcome back to Year 3 after the Christmas break. I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year making memories. It is now the Spring term and we are going to be extremely busy this term! As you know, I am now teaching in Year 3 every day.

**Please ensure your child has their name in all their belongings to prevent them being lost.**

## Diary Dates for this half term

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Class Photographs

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Children's Mental Health Week

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Stone Age trip to Bestwood

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Half term holiday

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

INSET Day

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Children start back

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Parents' Evening

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 Enquiry Showcase

## Enquiry

This term's enquiry has a History theme. We will be learning about life in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term we are going to be answering the question, **'Is change always for the best?'**. Each week we will be building up our knowledge to answer our main question.

This term we will be looking at:

Week 1 – We will be learning about the Cueva de las Manos (The Cave of Hands) and will create our own cave painting based on this.

Week 2 – This week, we will discover how long ago the Stone Age was, how long the different periods of history last for and what life was like in the Palaeolithic era.

Week 3 – We have an art focus this week. We will learn about how art has changed throughout history. Also, we will learn about the Mesolithic era.

Week 4 – Our learning this week will be focused on comparing primary and secondary sources of History. We will also discover what the Neolithic era was like.

Week 5 – During this week, we will learn why a famous Stone Age location is historically significant and we will cook a stew to help us learn about harvesting.

Week 6 – This week, we will go on our Stone Age trip. We will have first-hand experience about what life was like during the Stone Age.

Week 7 – Our learning this week will focus on the Bronze and Iron Ages.

Week 8 – We will focus our learning on the changes in pre-historic Britain and we will compare the changes that happened.

Week 9 – We will learn more Art this week. We will learn more painting techniques and learn why control is important.

Week 10 – Our focus this week will be P.S.H.E as we will learn how change can impact our feelings.

Week 11 – This week, we will be answering our enquiry question and showcase our learning to our parents in our showcase.

If you need to speak to me about anything, please feel free to speak to me on the playground before or after school. I can also be contacted on Class Dojo so feel free to send me a message.



## Reading



It is essential that children are encouraged to read at home to develop their fluency, vocabulary and it will open many more doors to their learning. The children will bring home a decodable reading book for them to read to you at home. Please remember to write in their reading diaries each time you read together, as each time they read **3** or more times a week, they get a raffle ticket and are entered into a prize draw each week.

Each child has a login for the **Times Table Rockstars** app. This is a fun way for children to develop their times tables and each week they can win certificates for the most correct answers and the most coins collected.

We will focus our practise on the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

## PE

PE days are on **Monday** and **Thursday**. Children should come to school in their PE kit and can stay in it all day. Our PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/PE skirt, black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings, plimsolls or trainers for outside games. This term we are learning Street Dance and Orienteering. We will start swimming after February half term.

## Science

Our science learning in this term is going to be focusing on rocks and the human body. During this learning, we will be learning about the different types of rocks and fossils. We will learn the bones and muscles of the human body.

## Homework

On Dojo you have access to our home learning menu. This is a great and fun way of further supporting your child's learning at home. Don't forget to pick and choose the activities and upload your evidence to Dojo to gain Dojo points. These can be done at any point up until the end of the term.

