



Welcome to Year 3!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families have enjoyed the summer break. It is great to see the children settling into their new class full of enthusiasm. They have returned sharing exciting memories about their Summer and we are so pleased to have them back at school. The new school year has got off to a great start and we have all been really impressed with how ready, respectful, and responsible the children are in our classes.

What your child's year group will be learning this term:

Stone Age to Iron Age



For our first topic of Year 3 we are going to explore what Britain was like millions of years ago during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age!

We will explore where this period fits into history as well as how early man was able to settle and establish their communities. We will examine significant settlements such as Stone Henge and Skara Brae and will consider how they help us to learn and understand the past. As part of this topic, we will also fully immerse ourselves by spending the day as early humans, taking part in activities that highlight daily life at that time. Throughout our studies, we will learn about the important work that archaeologists do and how we can link discoveries with other periods of our history.



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Ways you can support your child's learning at home:

Reading:

Thank you for all your home support with reading. We have been really pleased with the children's clear enjoyment of reading due to its importance across the curriculum. Reading improves vocabulary, increases a child's ability to spell and positively impacts their writing lessons - so please find time to share a book with your child at least 4 times a week. When your child has read, please record this in their new reading diary. When they record three reads at home within a week, your child will receive a house point!

Homework:

Each week, the children will receive a piece of Maths, English and Spelling homework which will be sent to them via their Google Classroom page. To complete their homework, the children will need to submit it online or hand in a paper copy to the class teacher. Homework will be **sent out on a Friday** and should be returned to school or submitted on Google Classroom by the **following Wednesday**. Please see your class teacher if you would like a reminder of your child's log-in details or if you require paper copies sent home.

Maths:

The children will be encouraged to play Times Table Rock Stars to improve their times table knowledge which is key to many areas of Maths within the National Curriculum. This is especially important due to the multiplication check the children will undertake in Year 4. Therefore, we will be encouraging the children to be fluent in their 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s by the end of the academic year.

English including Spelling:

The class will be set a small writing or reading task to build on their learning in school.

Children will be set a list of spelling words to learn each week as part of their homework. These words will be linked to a specific area of phonics, a spelling pattern, or a common exception word.

Reminders:

Uniform:

Children should wear plain white or navy polo shirts, grey skirts, trousers, shorts or pinafore dresses, and Navy sweatshirts or cardigans. Socks should be black, grey or white and tights should be navy or grey. Footwear should be smart black shoes. Please make sure that all



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items are named. No make-up or jewellery should be worn except for simple stud earrings, and long hair should be tied back.

PE kits:

All children will need a NAMED sports kit suitable for outdoor PE this term. This may get muddy and will need to keep them suitably warm; it must include a pair of trainers to change into. Our PE slots are on Wednesday and Friday. P.E. kit should come to school with your child on Monday ready for the week ahead and should be taken home to be washed at the weekend. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE lessons. Children with long hair must have it tied back.

Water bottles and snacks:

Children can have a named water bottle in school. This needs to be taken home every day to be washed out and refilled. We also recommend sending in a piece of fruit for break times.

Upcoming Trips, Visits and Opportunities:

Prehistoric WOW Day!

Year 3 will be having a Stone/Iron Age Day this term where we will be spending the day dressed in prehistoric fashions, creating cave art and learning what it was like to live in Britain millions of years ago!

This has been organised for **Tuesday 29th September**.

Trip to Pitt Rivers

On **Thursday 19th November**, we will be visiting Pitt Rivers and the Oxford University of Natural History. More details about this trip will be given nearer the time.



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Important dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1 st September:	INSET Day 1
Wednesday 2nd September:	Term 1 commences
Tuesday 8th September:	2.30pm - Year 3 and 4 Meet the teacher information
Thursday 10th September:	2.30pm - Year 1 and 2 Meet the teacher information
Tuesday 15th September:	International Day of Democracy - School Council Voting
Friday 18th September:	PTA Meeting 9-10am
Tuesday 29th September:	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Friday 9 th October:	Celebrating World Mental Health Day
Friday 23rd October:	Last day of half term
Monday 26 th October – Friday 30th October:	Half Term
Monday 2nd November:	INSET Day 2
Tuesday 3rd November:	Term 2 commences
Monday 16 th November:	Anti-Bullying week - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 10 th November:	Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm
Wednesday 11 th November:	Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm
Friday 13th November:	Children in Need
Monday 16th - Friday 20th November:	Road Safety Week
Wednesday 18th November:	KS1 & KS2 Parents information session: No Outsiders
Thursday 19th November:	Y3 National History Museum
Friday 27 th November:	Christmas Fair
Friday 11 th December:	Parents open afternoon (2:45pm) with mince pies and mulled wine.
Friday 18 th December:	End of Term 1 (Finish at 1.15pm)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come in and let us know. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Have a great term!

Mr Williams, Mrs Howell & Mr Hunter



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