

Year 3



Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you've had a lovely summer break and are ready for an exciting and busy half term.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and get to know our new class. Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Gautrey and Mrs Mason, and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

English

We will begin the year by revising grammar in our writing and applying it to a character description and diary writing based on our class story, *Stitch Head*. Children will also write their own portal story, where characters will travel to another world, inspired by the story *Stone Age Boy*.

Individual reading and shared reading will continue, along with spelling lessons.

Maths

Children will build on their understanding of place value by learning how to count and order numbers up to 1,000. We will also be learning how to add and subtract numbers with up to three digits.

We will practise our times tables daily by revising the 2s, 5s and 10s. Children will also learn new times tables this year, including the 3s, 4s and 8s.

Science

Children will be learning about the topic *Rocks* this half term. Children will compare different types of rocks and soils and look at how fossils are formed from living things. They will learn about the three main types of rock – sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic – and explore how each type is formed.

History

To kick-start the year, our topic will be *Stone Age to Iron Age*. We will learn about the key features of life for the earliest inhabitants and find out how hunter gatherers survived. We will use a range of historical artefacts and sources to look at the changes in technology over time, from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

Class Teachers

Mrs Gautrey (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Mrs Mason (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Year 3 Staff

Miss Collins, Mrs Patterson

PE

Monday

Swimming

Wednesday

Library

Wednesday

Spellings

Spellings will be given on a Tuesday, to be learned for a test on the following Tuesday.

Homework

Reading x4 per week

Times Tables Rockstars x3 per week

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 6th October

School photos

Tuesday 13th & Tuesday 20th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd October

Last day of school

Monday 2nd November

School closed – Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November

Back to school

PE

Monday

Children must bring their PE kit to school in a bag to get changed into. All clothing must be clearly labelled with the child's full name. Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit as listed below:

- plain white t-shirt
- black/blue shorts or leggings
- suitable footwear (trainers or outdoor pumps)

Year 3 children must also bring a swimming kit on Wednesdays. All children will need to bring a swimming kit containing:

- one piece swimming costume or swimming trunks /swimming shorts
- towel
- hairbrush/comb - optional
- goggles – optional
- bobble to tie hair back

Reading

We ask that children read their school reading book or another text that sparks their interest, at least four times each week. For children who are avid readers, we also have a wide range of exciting books in the classroom book corner that children can take home to read.

Children can read either with an adult or independently and must get their home reading record signed by an adult each time they have read.

Homework

Children will be given spellings on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. Please encourage your child to learn and practise their **spellings** each week. Please note that children do not have to hand in their spelling homework sheet.

Homework will be set online via **Times Tables Rockstars**, which is a fun and interactive way for children to develop division and multiplication facts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with a member of Year 3 staff.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gautrey & Mrs Mason

Year 3 Teachers
