

Who were the Ancient Britons and were they smart?

Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn first half term



Welcome back to school and I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 3 pupils and their families. I am sure the children will quickly settle into their new routines and rise to the challenge of their new school year.

This term I am looking forward to getting to know the children and learning all about the children especially after hearing such wonderful reports from Year 2. The class will be lead by myself Miss Haley for the majority of the week with Mrs Oldham teaching the class on Thursdays. Mrs Oldham and Miss Wood will be supporting the class throughout the week.

Year 3 will bring a range of new challenges, expectations and experiences but I am sure the children will enjoy this busy and exciting year! I cannot wait to get started ☺

This term ...

Our topic this term will have a history focus will be learning all about prehistoric Britain and the ancient Britons. We will be learning about the three key time periods: The Stone Age, The Bronze Age and The Iron Age. We will be considering how people lived during these periods. We will be looking at how the discovery of new materials changed the lives of people.

Our art topic links with our history theme, we will be developing our drawing techniques, we will be using different media to create drawings in the style of cave paintings.

In ICT we will be learning how to use technology safely. They will consider how to stay safe online and how to recognize potential dangers. We will also developing our digital literacy skills using Microsoft word.

Our science topic we will be exploring rocks and soils, we will be learning about the different properties of various rocks. The children will have the opportunity to investigate, observe, and experiment with different kinds of rocks.

PE this half term will be on Wednesdays and Fridays our sports will be Tag Rugby and hockey. PE will be outdoors wherever possible so please ensure the children have a coat for chilly or wet weather.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything with me.

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com

www.classdojo.com

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

MATHS This half term will focus on place value before we move on to addition and subtraction. There will also be a big focus on the learning of times table and division facts. We will be using TT Rock stars which will be happening daily, this will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts. The children will have a daily timed times table test in Year 3 please help them to practice the times table they are working on.

ENGLISH We are having a whole school ECO week and our first text links to this theme, it is a thought provoking picture book called 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. Our next text is called 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura.

The book will develop both our reading and writing skills. The children will also have handwriting and spelling and grammar lessons throughout the week.

PE. Please ensure children come dressed in their PE kit on PE days. This term PE day will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. If your child cannot take part, please send a note or dojo message.

HOMEWORK – The children will be expected to read frequently (see below), maths practice which will be online. The children will also have a weekly spelling list.

HOME READING BOOKS/Go Read– Please use your go read accounts to record your child's reading and any comments. Books will be changed as needed, children will be shown where to put them so that they can be changed . Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.

CLASS DOJO Please ensure you are registered on class dojo, it enables us to keep in contact and share important notices and updates.

