



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful, relaxing Christmas break and are eager to be back. We are all looking forward to an exciting half term in Year 3 filled with lots of interesting learning opportunities!

The Year 3 children have had a wonderful first full term. This half term, the children will be developing their first aid skills in school with a first aid session, this will teach them valuable life skills including CPR and the recovery position. The children will also be experiencing some new and exciting activities and opportunities during our play and lunch times. We cannot wait to see them all exploring, playing and developing their friendships across a range of activities around school. As well as this, we will be doing a multiplication evening on Thursday 18th January to discuss how the children can be supported in and outside of school to further develop their multiplication knowledge ready for the multiplication check in year 4. All the children have worked extremely hard so far this year, they have shown great passion towards their learning and we really want them to keep this up throughout this half term.

This half term, PE will be on Monday and Friday twice weekly although this is subject to change. For this reason, please ensure your child always has their full PE kit in school and that it is labelled clearly with their name. During this half term, weather permitting, we will be completing some sessions outside so a warm hoodie and tracksuit bottoms may be helpful.

Just a reminder, please can you ensure your child keeps all pencil cases and large bags at home as we don't have the room in class to accommodate them. Homework will be given out every Friday and collected back in on the following Thursday.

If you have any questions or need any support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher by making an appointment or sending an e-mail.

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Reading in Year 3:

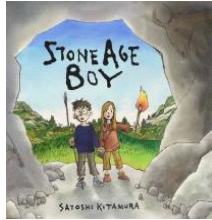


Reading continues to be a focus in Year 3 and it is vital that your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day. This year, the children will continue to develop a love for reading, ask questions about texts, make inferences and develop their fluency and accuracy by taking part in weekly shared reading as a class, grouped guided reading sessions and 1:1 reads. Having their reading record in school ensures we can inform you what they are doing well at and what their next steps are so that you are able to support at home.

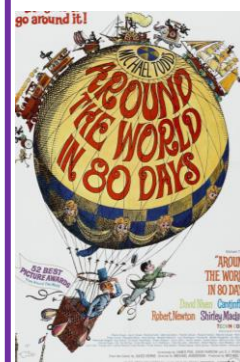
The reading challenge will continue, and we ask children to read to an adult at home a minimum of 5 times per week. Please listen to your child read, ask some questions about the book then sign their reading record. Any child who reads 5 times will be put into a raffle! If your child has read independently, please still sign the reading record and maybe ask them to give you a brief summary of what they have read as an alternative to listening to them read. Last half term, we had some high class percentages, lets keep up the good work. Thank you for your continued support!

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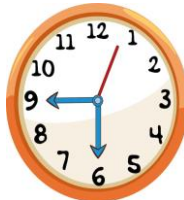
In English the children will be looking at Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. They will be focusing on using expanded noun phrases to add extra description, using adverbs to express time, place and cause and using inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. Spelling will also be a focus, particularly learning some of our year 3 common exception words.



During Art this half term the children have an exciting opportunity to work on a piece of artwork for the Primary Art Network festival. The festival's theme this year is 'Around the World in 80 Days' with year 3 having a focus on travel. The children will further develop their art skills by combining a range of mediums including, sketching, painting and collage to create their final piece.



In Maths, the children will begin the half term by looking at time. We will be recapping telling time then developing our knowledge of the 5-minute intervals and the positions of the hands on a clock.



We will then be exploring multiplication. We will learn a range of strategies to support our times tables knowledge including repeated addition, recalling known facts and using doubles to link the 2's, 4's and 8's as well as the 3's and 6's.



For History, the children will be traveling along the timeline to 'The Iron Age'. The children will investigate how iron was used during this time to enhance tools. They will discover how the culture and places changed during this time period and be able to compare this to 'The Bronze Age' and 'The Stone Age'.

In Geography, the children will be developing map skills and fieldwork by investigating Ordnance Surveys (OS). The children will be using large-scale and small-scale Ordnance Survey maps to identify physical and human features.



For our Science sessions, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of forces and magnets. They will be investigating how friction affects the movement of objects as well as how magnets interact with each other by attracting or repelling depending on which poles are facing each other.



In RE, the children will further develop their knowledge on Christianity. They will look at how and why people serve or have served God.

