

Forest and Sandridge C of E Primary School

Curriculum Information Letter- Year 3 September 2023



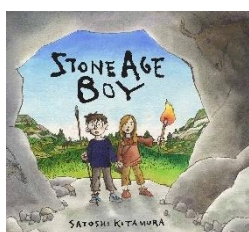
Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you back to school and hope that you had a happy and eventful summer break. In this letter you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing during this Autumn Term in school.

Our Focus Values for the Autumn Term are Compassion and Courage

Our Theme for the Autumn Term is: The Stone Age

English



Reading Focus: We will be reading 'Stone Age Boy' this term to tie in with our Stone Age theme. Year 3 have been really engaged with this text since having taken part in an archaeological dig and tried their hand at cave drawing as part of our hook. We will also be looking at other texts alongside this in order to broaden the children's exposure to different text types.

Writing Focus: In Term 1, our key text will be 'Stone Age Boy' and we will be focusing on recapping key Year 2 writing skills to ensure these are embedded. Children will be producing a variety of outcomes such as a setting descriptions and letter. In Term 2, our key text will be 'Winter's Child'. We are working to build up the children's confidence within their writing and develop stamina when given opportunities to write more detailed pieces.

We will be encouraging the children to maintain neat presentation of their work and will be especially focusing on ensuring writing is joined and legible. In Lower Key Stage Two, children are able to earn a Pen licence once they have consistently demonstrated a high standard of presentation.

Spelling: There will also be a renewed focus on spelling this year, with each child receiving a daily spelling lesson and spelling tests will be on a Friday morning.



Maths


This term we will be extending our knowledge of place value to understand how to read and write 3-digit numbers, this will include learning how to convert numbers from numerals to words. We will then be developing this knowledge to add and subtract 3-digit numbers using mental strategies and formal column method. We are also practicing our times tables in order to improve our rapid recall.



RE

In Term 1 we will be exploring the question 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' Whilst working towards answering this, we will learn about the creation story and understand the meaning that it holds in the Christian faith. To further develop our understanding of Christianity we will begin to explore the concept of Incarnation. Within this topic we will learn about the Holy Trinity and what it represents.

Science 	<p><i>Our science theme this term is Rocks, Fossils and Soils. We will be carrying out a range of practical investigations to learn about the properties of rocks and we look forward to getting creative in our learning about soils and fossils.</i></p>
Computing	<p><i>In Computing our focus will be 'Connecting Computers'. Children will develop their understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. They will also compare digital and non-digital devices.</i></p>
PE	<p><i>This term in PE we will be playing team games with a particular focus on multi-skills. We will be learning a variety of sporting skills and develop understanding about how to work with classmates as a part of a team. Our indoor focus will be Gymnastics.</i></p> <p>PE will be on Monday and Wednesday.</p>
History	<p>This term in history we are gaining a sense of the chronology of different time periods and understanding where the Stone Age is in relation to other historical time periods. We are excited to learn about the development of shelter, weaponry and tools throughout the Stone Age and apply this new knowledge to other areas of our learning.</p>
Geography	<p>Elements of geography will be taught through the history theme. Maps, settlement changes and how people adapt within their environment for survival.</p>
Art and Design	<p>We will be looking at the work of Picasso within our topic of drawing. We will be at some of his famous artwork using drawing techniques. We look forward to creating our own portraits inspired by Picasso's work.</p>
D.T	<p>This term in DT we will be exploring different materials. Through doing this we will be developing cutting, joining and shaping skills. We are working towards using these skills to create our own stone age tools.</p> 
Modern Foreign Language: French	<p>In term 2, we will be looking at greetings, introducing ourselves, numbers to 20, colours and learning how to ask for items of fruit and vegetables.</p>
PSHEE/SRE	<p>Our PSHE topic is 'Being me in my World'. The children will be learning about each other and building positive relationships. There will also be a focus on creating a sense of belonging and purpose. This will lead into the children developing their own goals and ambitions for the term and discussing what they will feel like when they achieve these.</p>
Music	<p>This term in Music we will be experimenting with pitch and tempo. We will be using a variety of different instruments and experimenting with the different sounds and pitches they create.</p>
Attendance	<p>This year we have a school target of 97% for all pupils. It is very important that your child attends school every day that they are fit and well. Please check our website or telephone the school office if you are unsure about whether to send your child into school or not. Pupils with attendance of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and pupils with attendance in danger of</p>

	falling to this level will be invited into school for support and an action plan (to restore their attendance to a level that will allow them to achieve well at school).
Learning at Home	To support children's learning we greatly encourage regular reading at home, this can be any text type (not just books from school). Please remember to record any reading at home in your child's reading record. We ask that reading records are brought into school daily. Children will also benefit from regularly practicing their spellings and timetables. Please continue to support your children at home in these areas. Homework tasks have been sent home which give opportunities to extend learning.
Important Information	 <p>We have regular practices that your children will soon start to pick up. As well as weekly spellings and reading, we also focus on timetables in KS2. In Year 3 we practice our 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables on a regular basis and encourage children to utilise Times Tables Rockstars at home too. Log-ins will be sent home in due course.</p>

Middle School focuses upon developing greater independence. Please encourage your child to come into class independently. An adult will be by the door if you need to speak to them. Children will quickly learn the classroom routines and will be supported by their teacher and TA as required.

Please use Dojo for messages to let us know anything important. We will check this regularly but won't be able to do this during lesson time- however, we will reply as soon as we can. Anything urgent should be relayed through the main office.

At the end of each day children will be encouraged to take responsibility for collecting items to take home. There are reminders to help prompt this.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Mrs Bell and Mrs Walker