

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you had a lovely and restful break.

As the weather can be unpredictable this term, please can your child bring in a coat into school every day.

PE: Both classes will have PE on a Friday. Please ensure that your child arrives at school wearing their PE kit.

Homework: In Year 3, we use Mirodo for our homework. This is an online platform, and further details will be sent in an additional communication. Homework will be set on Friday, and the expectation is that it will be completed online before the following Friday. Homework will alternate between English and maths on a bi-weekly basis.

The Times table test is on Friday. Your child will bring home a sheet with their personalised times table on so you can keep track of the times table for that week.

Reading: Reading folders should be brought into school every day, as we aim to provide regular opportunities for reading. We kindly ask that children read at home at least three times a week. Adults can then sign or comment in the reading record so that the children can bring their reading folder in to change themselves.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hoskins, Mrs Martin and Mr Fieldsend

English

This term, we will focus on the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar of sentences, ensuring the knowledge is in place before applying them in our writing. Our texts this term will be Stone Age Boy to tie in with our history topic and Shackleton's journey to link to our Geography topic. At the end of the Autumn Term, the children will use their new skills when writing their own recount of Shackleton's renowned expedition to the South Pole putting themselves in the shoes of the famous explorer.



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Maths

This term the children are understanding the place value of numbers up to 1,000. They will be using manipulatives to build and partition numbers. The children will then use these new skills to support their learning of formal written methods for both addition and subtraction. Later in the term the children will learn formal methods for multiplication and division. We will also be introducing new times tables up to the 12x table.

Art/DT

In DT, the children will be learning about shape and making their own landmarks. We will then further this understanding by learning how artists use shape in drawings.

French

The children will be introduced to French this term learning basic vocabulary such as colours and numbers.

RE

Throughout the Autumn Term, the children will learn about pilgrimages and discover why religions have special places and the importance they hold to people.

PE

We are excited to be introducing a new PE scheme, which develops the children's fundamental movement skills to help them become fluent in physical activity and sport. Initially we will focus on invade, evade and capture.

Geography and History

We start the Autumn Term with History as we decide if we would rather live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age. Later in the term in Geography we will learn all about Antarctica and look at the journey Ernest Shackleton took when he attempted to cross the continent.

Computing

The children will learn about networks and how we use digital devices to help us. They will explore how digital devices can change the way we work and how a computer network can be used to share information.

Music

We will learn to develop our singing technique by looking at Viking music. We will begin to recognize minims, crotchets and quavers and perform rhythms accurately.

Science

The children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and physical properties. They will learn, in simple terms, how fossils are formed when objects that have lived are trapped within a rock. The children will be taught how soil is made up from rocks and organic matter.

PSHE

The Story Book Project focus for the Autumn Term is 'On a magical do-nothing day'. It focuses on putting our devices down and getting out into nature.