

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Middleton Parish Church School

### English

#### Reading

This half term in Reading, we are going to be reading a variety of different texts linked to our Stone Age topic, answering a range of comprehension questions with a focus on retrieval.

#### Writing

In Writing, we will be using the story Stone Age Boy as a stimulus for writing our own narrative. We will also be writing poetry based around Harvest festival.



### Outdoor Shoes

To ensure all children can engage fully in our playtime provision, we ask that old, sturdy trainers and a pair of football/walking/thick socks are brought into school in a plastic bag. These shoes will be used for Forest School and field games such as football. Ideally, we ask that these are left in school Mon-Fri.



### Science

Our science topic this term is 'Rocks and Soils.' We will be learning to identify igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks and their properties. We will learn about the components of soil, along with how fossils are formed.



### Reading

#### Class Novel

This half term we will be reading Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura.

*'An amazing thing once happened to me – I tripped and fell and found myself in a place where everything was different, where the people wore animal skins and hunted and fished for their food. I had such fun in that strange place and I learnt so much, but all the time I kept wondering where I was. Was it possible? Had I travelled...to the Stone Age?'*

#### GORead!

Children will continue to select books from our class library, with the guidance of the teaching team. This book, along with their vocabulary book, should come into school and back home each day to maximise reading opportunities.

Should children have a home reading book they would like to read, please send it into school for teachers to check it provides enough challenge to support progression in reading – teachers will then add this book to GORead. Adults in school will read with all children at least once a week. We ask that children read at home daily.

All reading should be recorded on GORead in order for children to earn maximum gems! Problem words/new vocabulary can be added on go read alongside in vocabulary books.



### Contacting Us

If you need to talk to a member of classroom staff, please do not hesitate to send an email.

The class email address is

[year3@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:year3@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk)

As we teach full time, it may take up to 5 days for us to reply. If you need to pass on a message in an emergency, please contact the school office.

If you need to update contact details, allergy/medical information etc you can email the school office.

The school office email is

[office@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk)

Sometimes families need a little extra support with things such as housing, employment, emotional well-being and parenting. Our Engagement and Inclusion team are here to help, including signposting families to services outside of school. Should you need it the team's email is

[EandI@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:EandI@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk)

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### History

Our topic this half term is 'How Old is Middleton?' We will be learning all about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Children will explore and compare where people in these eras lived, how they obtained their food, and how they created and used tools. They will compare this with modern life.



### P.E and Forest School

P.E and Forest School is on a Tuesday for Year 3. Our P.E. unit this half term is Basketball. Children should ensure they wear the correct outdoor kit on a Wednesday and bring their wellies in a named plastic carrier bag.

### PSHE

Our Heart Smart topic is 'Get HeartSmart!' We will be exploring how to best protect our own and others' hearts.



### Religious Education

In R.E. our topic is 'Harvest.' In this unit, we will explore why and how Christians celebrate Harvest. We will explore why Christians are thankful to God during Harvest, and how it is celebrated around the world.



### Maths

This half term, we will focus on place value.

Children will learn to represent and partition numbers to 1000, along with identifying the value of each digit in a number (hundreds, tens and ones). Children will also compare and order numbers to 1000.

Please ensure children are logging on to TTRS at least once a week to help consolidate the 3s, 4s and 8 times tables that children are expected to know by the end of Year 3.

