



# TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Class Topic Newsletter - Year 3

*Every child matters; every moment counts!*

### An introduction...

Hello! My name is Miss Lambert and as most of you are aware I am a new member of staff at Trawden Forest Primary school. I am really excited to join the team and help my lovely new class achieve their full potential. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child please feel free to email me or catch me in the playground at the end of the day.

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Thank you.

### History...

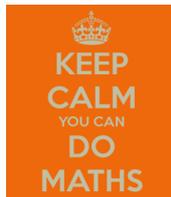
This half term the children will be learning all about prehistoric Britain. We will be discovering where the early humans lived, how they communicated, how they hunted and what tools they used. We kicked off our topic finding out what people in the stone age ate by dissecting some of their poo which was sent to us by an archaeologist! It was rather messy but we found out a lot!

(It was only a flour water and oxo mix, I promise.)



### Maths...

This half term we will be focusing primarily on place value and then once the children are really secure with that, we will be moving on to addition and subtraction. Children will be comparing, ordering and representing numbers up to 1000 using a number of techniques. There is a real focus on maths mastery this year which will ensure that no child is left behind. Children need a secure knowledge of times tables to help them with all aspects of maths, I will be introducing a weekly times table test and ask children to practise at home as often as possible. I will inform the children which times table they will be tested on each Friday.



### English



In English we will be studying 'adventure stories' for fiction and instructional texts for non-fiction. We will be using 'stone-age boy' and 'how to wash a woolly mammoth', both of which relate to our stone age topic. Children will be exploring characters and structure of adventure stories and this will build up to creating their own.

Year 3 will be taught the features of instructional texts and will explore the different language used. Again children will eventually create their own instructional text. During this unit children will be making their own woolly mammoths out of milk bottles. Could I ask for each child to bring a clean, empty milk bottle to make this possible please? Thank you.

### Science...

Class 3's science topic this term is rocks and soils. The children will be learning about the different types of rocks and how they are formed. We will be discovering the different layers of soil and we will be conducting a number of exciting experiments throughout the unit. We are also lucky enough to have an expert coming to visit to show the children his fantastic collection of fossils!



**Happy Birthday this half term to:**

**Mia, Anna-Lucia, Noah & Mason**

# Our curriculum...

**Art** - In keeping with our topic, the children will be creating their own cave art inspired by the work of cave men.



**PSHE**-We are discussing how to maintain a healthy lifestyle which includes aspects of both physical and mental health.



**R.E.**- This half term the children will be learning about Christianity and special dates and events which are important to Christians.



**Music** - Year 3 will be listening to a variety of reggae music and will be learning the song 'three little birds' by Bob Marley.



**French** - Children will be taught how to say common French phrases as well as colours and numbers.



**Phonics** - We will be continuing with phonics for the full autumn term to ensure they are really secure with their reading.



**Thursday 13th September**

Roald Dahl day– dress up as a character

**Monday 17th September**

Maths Week

**Thursday 27th September**

Non-uniform day in exchange for cakes for Macmillan

**Friday 28th September**

Macmillan Coffee Morning from 9:15am-11.15am

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

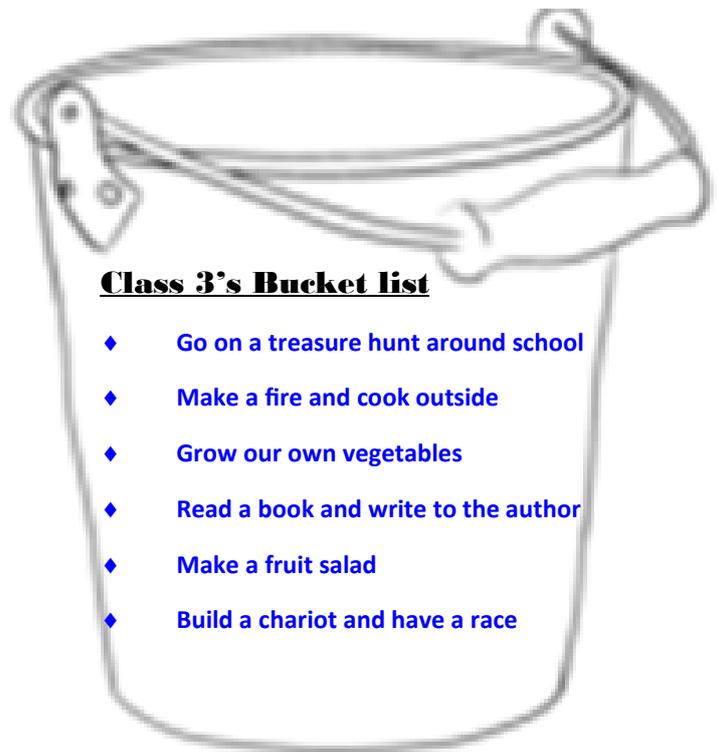
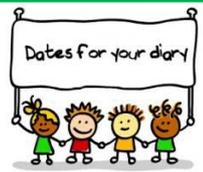
National Poetry Day

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

PTFA "Crazy Hair Day" Please bring a £1 donation and wear crazy hair or have an extreme hair style for the day!

**Wednesday 17th, 18th October**

Parents' Evenings—times TBC



## Class 3's Bucket list

- ◆ Go on a treasure hunt around school
- ◆ Make a fire and cook outside
- ◆ Grow our own vegetables
- ◆ Read a book and write to the author
- ◆ Make a fruit salad
- ◆ Build a chariot and have a race

## HOMEWORK...

### Times tables, spellings and reading!

Children are asked to read regularly at home and keep their reading records up to date. These will be checked and signed weekly. If possible, when reading with your child, could you ask some follow-up questions to help build their comprehension skills? Such as asking what the book is about, predictions about what might happen next and reasons for liking/disliking a character etc.

Spelling and times tables tests are on Friday morning. Each child has a username and password for Times Table Rockstars and are asked to practice regularly.

## Days to remember...

**Friday: Spelling and times table tests and new spellings given for the following week.**

**Wednesday: PE**

**(indoor and outdoor kit required)**