Dear Year 3 parents,

Welcome back to the second half term in year 3. The children settled well into KS2, and we are very proud of them. Our topic this half term is 'Stone Age Boy'. We have planned a set of activities, to help the children understand what life would be like in Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain.

The Year Three Team.

Supporting your child at home

Please continue to read regularly with your child each week focussing not only on fluency but comprehension skills as well. Reading Records are checked Tuesdays (4 home reads) and Fridays. If you child has finished their reading book, please record this in their Reading Record. We will continue with our weekly spell checks, and the spelling lists will be continued to be posted on dojo each Monday for a check the following Monday. Spelling Shed is a useful vehicle to support spelling. The words will help the children learn the Year 3 spelling rules. For maths, TTRS can be used at home to help them develop their fluency in recall of their table facts. The children will continue to have a times table check each week and will move to the next set of times tables when appropriate.

We are really pleased with how the children responded so enthusiastically to the homework grid last half term. We look forward to seeing what they produce this half term. Remember it is up to you and your child which six activities you decide to complete and when. They can bring completed activities in at any time up to the end of the topic and they will receive 2 dojos for every piece that they complete.

History

This half term, we will be looking at Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain. We will look at changes between the periods and use timelines to demonstrate timescales and order. We will look at what life would be like for early settlers and find out how events from the past have shaped our current lives.

RE

We will be asking the question, 'Why is the bible important to Christians?'.

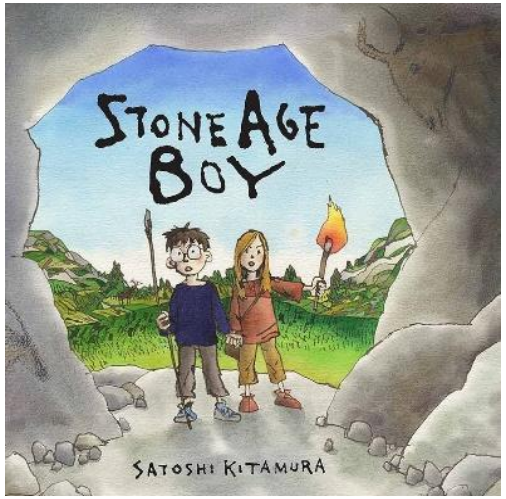
DT

This half term we will be continuing to work on healthy eating, building on the science work from last half term. The children will explore a variety of products, learning food hygiene and preparation skills. They will design and a make a healthy wrap.

English

This half term, we will be reading extracts from 'Little Nose Collection – The Explorer'.

We will also be exploring the book 'Stone Age Boy' to help us with our narrative writing. Over the half term we will investigate, using a variety of DEAL strategies different adventure narratives as well as looking at different features and techniques used in this genre. The children will then write their own short narrative story including dialogue.



Physical Education

Children need their PE kits on Tuesdays for indoor PE. Games takes place Friday afternoon led by Mrs Buchanan. Once they are brought into school, PE and games kits should stay in school until the Christmas term break.

Spanish

In our Spanish lessons with Mr Stirling, we will be looking at colours, families and Christmas in Spain. We will also be using 'me gusta' and 'no me gusta' to describe what we like and don't like.

Science

This half term, we will be building on the children's knowledge of plants from Year 2. We will be visiting different areas around the school grounds and collecting seeds and fruits. Then, we will be exploring methods of seed dispersal using a variety of primary and secondary sources.

We will be carrying out a variety of investigation to help us learn more about the functions of different part of a plant., including the roots and water transportation.

Computing

This half term, we will be completing our work on Email, including discussion and rules that the children should follow to be safe when using electronic mailing systems. The following unit of work will be Coding. This will be using the Purple Mash programme free code chimp.

Mathematics

As we spent the first half-term consolidating place value and the number system, we are now moving the children onto mental and formal methods of addition and subtraction. The children will then use their multiplication tables to learn some informal methods of multiplying larger numbers. Remember that all our children have access to online learning tools such as TT Rock stars which can be used to consolidate learning in the classroom.

Music

This half term, we will be concentrating on preparation for our Year 3 and 4 carol concert (15.12.2026). We will be learning a variety of Christmas songs, 'The First Christmas'. You will get more information about the Carol Concert closer to the time.

PSHE

We will continue our work on relationships, before moving on to learning about emotions. We will be working to recognising different emotions and exploring useful strategies for managing our own emotional well-being.