

Spring Term 2018



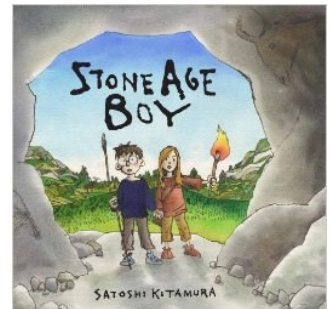
# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and that this newsletter provides some helpful details of the spring term.

Best wishes for the new year and looking forward to the term ahead,  
Miss Whittall, Mrs O'Connor and Miss Winter

## English

We will be linking our English work this term with our Stone Age topic by using *Stone Age Boy* to help develop the children's writing. We are continuing to encourage the children to use more exciting descriptive language in their work and to develop their knowledge of grammar and punctuation. This will include looking in more detail at adverbials of time and place, synonyms and further developing the correct use of speech marks. We will continue to demonstrate how to create interest by varying the way sentences are started and the length of sentences.



After half term, we will look at non-chronological report writing linked to our topic work on 'The Stone Age to Iron Age'. Then we will study a variety of formats for Easter poems.

Children will continue to work on improving the presentation of their written work, including practicing their joined handwriting.

## Maths

This term your child will focus on many different mathematical topics which will include multiplication, division with remainders, place value and ordering of 3 digit numbers, adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers using partitioning, fractions of shapes and amounts, and recognising angles. Problem solving, logical approaches to investigations and mental strategies will be practised on an ongoing basis. In multiplication, we will continue to reinforce the times tables. Most children of this age should be confident in x2, x10 and x5. During this year the aim is for the children to learn x3, x4, x6 and x8, and beyond if they can.



### Weekly Information

**Homework:** Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday to be returned by the following Tuesday. There will be a weekly spellings investigation and sometimes a Maths / Topic activity. We will also be continuing with a weekly times tables test. The children are tested in a random order and at speed.

**Reading:** Please can books and reading diaries come into school daily to ensure that children can swap books and be read with. Children are allowed two atrium books weekly.

## Music

In music lessons children are learning the recorder. Recorders are provided by the school and there will be the opportunity to buy them if you wish.



## P.S.H.E

In P.S.H.E. we will continue to explore themes related to our core school values.

## Dates for the Diary

Parents evening - 6th or 8th Feb  
Stonehenge trip  
3E and 3O'C - 22nd March  
3W - 20th Feb

## Science

This term children will be studying 'Forces and Magnets'. This will include an understanding of the forces involved in making objects move, attraction and repulsion between magnets, grouping materials according to magnetism and compression and stretching of springs and elastic bands.

## Computing

Children will study 'Networks' in computing during the first half term with Mr Logan. After half term they will then study 'Productivity' involving collecting and analysing data using ICT.

## RE

In RE this half-term we will be looking at the miracles of Jesus. After half-term we will learn more about the importance of the Easter Story as well as developing a further understanding of what it means to be a Christian.



## P.E.

In our indoor P.E. sessions we will be starting the SMSP Dance Challenge, where the children choreograph their own dances in small groups. This was great fun last year!

Kick coaches will do outdoor PE with 3O'C and 3E, while 3W will be swimming. We will be playing football and rugby, and focusing on the skills of moving with the ball in these sports.

Please make sure your child has both indoor PE kit (shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls) as well as warm tracksuit and trainers for outdoor sessions, and crucially that all items are named. As the field tends to get so muddy this term it would be great for the children to keep their trainers in a plastic carrier bag within their PE kit.



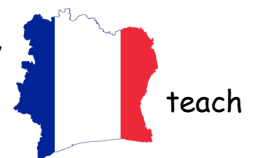
## Topic

Our new History topic will look at Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will study man as a hunter-gatherer and early farmer, Stonehenge, and use of tools to appreciate the key changes over the period. We will start Geography after Easter.



## French

Pupils will learn basic French such as vocabulary linked to the weather, body parts, months of the year, birthdays, colours, sports, and questions. We also have some visitors from France through our connection with St Mary's University who will teach the children songs and games.



## Art and D&T



In our portraits topic, we will start by learning the basic skill of drawing a face and then move on to a 4quarters portrait. For this we will learn about use a variety of different techniques and media.

In the second half of term we will be evaluating the design of photo frames and then designing and making our own frames.

Thank you for bringing in boxes of tissues and Pritt sticks last term. We go through them quickly - and would really appreciate some more!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 3 Team.