

Curriculum Letter - September 2018

Green Class - Year 3

Welcome to Year 3, and Key Stage 2! Like all of the children, I am very excited for this new academic year, and all of the fun we will have together as a class. During Year 3, we will build on concepts that the children have already learnt in Key Stage 1, and introduce new skills, knowledge and experiences that will ensure that everyone makes progress throughout the year.



Our first Learning Adventure is called 'Who Lived Here First?'. We will be learning all about early civilisations including the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. We will explore key questions such as: how did humans survive? How did humans learn to protect themselves from dangers? and How does archaeology help us find out about the past? We will have the opportunity to complete our own archaeological dig, create tools using natural resources, explore what cavemen ate and also create our own cave paintings.



In Literacy, where possible, our work will be closely linked to our learning adventure. During this term we will be exploring and developing our own stories linked to creation. We will look at a range of creation stories for inspiration. We will also be producing non-fictional explanations of Stone Age life, and a non-chronological report all about rocks and soils.

In order to support your child with their literacy work at home, it is important for the children to learn their weekly spellings and for adults to hear them read on a weekly basis. Our Harry Potter Spelling and Reading challenges will continue, with spelling certificates linked to famous spells from the novels, and new rewards being organised for those who read at least four times a week and have their home-school reading record signed.

In Maths, we will be building on previous knowledge, we will continue to focus on key mathematical areas of number, shape, data handling and measurement, with an increasing focus on applying skills through problem solving challenges. All children in Year 3 need to ensure that they are regularly practising their times tables, and to know all their times tables up to 12, off by heart. This will help them in many areas of their Maths and prepare them well for Year 4. We have access to online resources such as Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics to help support pupils both in the class room and at home.

These resources provide a great way to help your child with their Maths and share some of their learning journey.



Science this term will focus on 'Rocks and Soil' then 'Animals and Humans', before moving on to look at 'States of Matter'. As you may be aware, we have organised a very exciting trip to the National Stone Centre, to support our science work on Rocks and soils, which will be a fantastic hands on learning experience. We are also looking forward to working in our new STEM Science room, which has been purposefully set up for us to complete experiments in a dedicated space.



Our Art work will focus on cave paintings, and we will also try making some simple pots from clay, and developing drawing skills by sketching artefacts. PE this term will include an opportunity for year 3 pupils to work with a sports coach, on Tuesday afternoons. We will also be completing dance on a Thursday afternoon.



In ICT, we will be focussing on e-safety skills, then moving onto computer programming for simple goals. On Thursday's, there will be alternate French and Music lessons, which will introduce new skills. French will be introducing basic words and phrases for conversation, and Music will develop our knowledge of written music and composition. Our R.E focus this term will be focusing on identifying and understanding core Beliefs of different religious groups, and PSHE sessions this term we will be looking at relationships.



In addition to weekly spellings, I would ask parents to support the children with their reading and the learning of their times tables.

Finally, parents...

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to me at the end of the school day. If I do not see you before, I hope to meet you during our upcoming parent's evening.

Yours sincerely

Miss L Beech

