

Elizabeth Á Linney – Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the second half term of Year 3!

This half term, we will be focusing on the History based topic of 'Stones and Bones' with a specific focus on Stone Age to the Iron Age, which we will link across the curriculum and culminate in creating a 'Survival Guide to the Stone Age'. Our topic will kick off on with a special Topic immersion day, where the children will get to try some Stone Age activities such as sewing Runes, creating jewellery and re-creating a mini round house (please could pupils wear PE kit on this day, **Tuesday 3rd November**).

Here is a list of our subjects for this half term:

English - We will be covering a number of different genres this term including the narrative 'Stone Age Boy' and writing instructional texts on How to Wash Your Mammoth!

It is essential that your child reads every day and that this is recorded and signed in their reading journal. When children finish their books please write this in the comments so we know they need to choose another book. Children should aim to get their reading journals signed at least five times a week. Children will continue to move on from colour-banded books to our library system, 'Accelerated Reader' where they are given a ZPD level specific to their reading ability. We aim for your child to change their reading book once a week, but the children are encouraged to read additional books, or other reading material, at home, if they finish their library books. Children should record their additional reading too.

Spelling - In line with the National Curriculum, the children in Year 3 will be covering the spelling lists for years 3-4 in weekly spelling lessons, as well as topic-specific words. Lists of words to learn will be sent home on Friday in class to be learnt throughout the week. The children will be tested on the following Friday. It is very important that the children practise these to help them with their writing stages.

Maths- Year 3 are continuing their maths scheme of work 'Maths Mastery'. This half term we are moving onto statistics and data representation, length and perimeter and continuing to develop our strategies for calculation. Children will practise and be tested on their times tables and mental maths strategies several times a week, with the aim of learning all their times tables (12 x 12) by end of Year 3. Problem solving will be taught throughout all maths lessons; enabling the children to use and apply the skills learnt that week.

Science - Animals including humans

PE - Developing personal skills and physical fitness

PSHCE - Keeping safe at home and in our local environment

Art/ Design and technology - Designing and making a Hunter-gather bag

Homework will be set on Friday to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

Practising times tables with your child would be a great help too.

Many thanks,

Mrs Livesey, Miss O'Brien, Miss Todd, Mrs Liggitt and Mrs Chapman