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Year 3 Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support in the autumn term, please find a brief outline of what we will be covering in the spring term.

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| Topic Focus | Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age. |
| Subject | <i>Main Learning Focus</i> |
| English/Literacy | The whole class text that we will be using this term is Ug (Boy Genius of the Stone Age) by Raymond Briggs. Children will learn how to punctuate, using question and exclamation marks, as well as inverted commas for speech. They will write letters and also develop descriptions of characters and settings, organising their writing into paragraphs. They will learn about different word classes, use a range of prefixes and suffixes and develop their understanding of grammar and sentence structure. In addition they will develop their editing skills. They will have opportunities to write in a range of genres and for speaking and listening. |
| Maths | This term, the children will continue to develop their understanding of multiplication and division using written methods alongside visual methods. In addition the children will be deepening their understanding of measure and time. Children will be taught how to tell and write time from both an analogue and digital clock. They will learn how to measure the perimeter of simple 2D shapes, add and subtract lengths and solve problems involving measure. |
| Science | Our topic for the first half term is light. Children will learn about different light sources and how to keep safe in the sun. They will be given the opportunity to plan and complete fair tests to investigate what happens to shadows when the distance from a light source changes. |
| RE | In RE this term we will be looking at the distribution of wealth and resources across the world, asking "Is it fair?" and exploring the role of charities. |
| Computing | During this term, we will revisit the topic of e-safety. Children will learn about using iPads to take photographs and videos and will explore photo and video editing techniques. |
| PSHE | In PSHE we will be covering water, road and fire safety. |
| Art and DT | In Art, we will be developing our pencil techniques and drawing skills, with a focus on drawing rocks. We will also be finding out about and investigating cave art, creating our own paints and cave paintings. As part of DT we will be making healthy soups. |
| History and Geography | We will be having a historical focus this term. Children will learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Children will have the opportunity to use a variety of sources to learn about the past. They will be making comparisons between our lives and how people lived in the past. |
| Music | As musicians we will explore graphic notation. We will choose instruments and play, using musical dimensions, to match the graphic symbols. We will create our own symbols to match sounds and create a composition in groups using the graphic notation, considering layers and texture in music. |

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| PE | During the spring term, Year 3 will be going swimming every Friday. Children will have the opportunity to work towards skills 1, 2 or 3 depending on their current ability. Our inside PE will be creative dance and gymnastics. Children will have the opportunity to develop their rhythm, balance and co-ordination. |
| Modern Foreign Languages | Children will continue to develop their understanding of Spanish. They will learn the names of different fruits, the days of the week and months of the year. They will also continue to work on basic conversational phrases. |
| Visits | Swimming every Friday. |

Important Dates Spring

Fridays from 12th January
Wednesday 17th January
Wednesday 24th January
Friday 2nd February
Wednesday 7th February
Thursday 8th February
12th- 16th February
Monday 19th February
Tuesday 27th February
Wednesday 28th February
Thursday 1st March
Wednesday 7th March
Wednesday 14th March
Thursday 29th March

Swimming
Archaeology Workshop – Digging Up Cambridgeshire
Visit from Godmanchester Foodbank
Cake Friday
Parent Consultations 3:30 – 7pm
Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6pm
Half term
Back to school
Year 3&4 Concert 6pm
Year 3&4 Concert 2pm
World Book Day
3W class assembly
3M class assembly
Last Day of term

Homework

Children will be set an open ended task every two weeks (approximately). Children will be given the opportunity to share their learning with their friends in class.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. We will be continuing with the AR system this term. Children will be set new targets and their reading level will be re-assessed.

PE days/kits

PE for Year 3 will be on a Wednesday, but please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day as this allows us to be flexible and to embed these skills across the curriculum.

Inside PE - a white t-shirt, dark shorts, trainers or plimsolls

Outside PE - trainers, a white t-shirt, dark shorts, a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms as it can get very cold.

No jewellery except stud earrings and watches should be worn in school and these must be removed for all PE activities. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please provide tape for them to tape them up. Long hair should be tied back.

Swimming

Children will go swimming every Friday for 10 weeks. They need to have a swimming costume and towel packed in a separate bag. Children may take goggles, but they may not always be able to use them.

Parental Help

Parental help is always greatly appreciated in school. If you are able to offer regular or occasional help, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr Whitehouse, Mrs Wood and Mrs Green.