



Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Autumn term! I'm Mr. Kenny, and it's a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with both you and your wonderful children. This term, we're diving into an exciting topic—the Stone Age! Please feel free to say hello if you see me around the playground.

Staff in Year 3

Mr Kenny is the class teacher and Mrs Hopkin is supporting in the mornings.

Topic

This term our topic is the Stone Age. We will be learning what life was like for the first humans in Britain and how life changed through farming and the emergence of bronze and iron. In Geography, we will be learning to locate the United Kingdom, Stonehenge and Skara Brae on maps and will be learning about the geographical features of the United Kingdom.

In Science, we're learning about 'rocks and fossils' and 'skeletons, muscles and nutrition'.



Things to Remember

Children may bring water bottles in for use during lessons. Please ensure bottles are named and are sufficiently watertight and robust to survive the rigors of the classroom. Also, water only please. No juice.

Children may bring in a healthy snack for breaktime – fruit, rice cake, dried fruit. Please do not send your child in with crisps or chocolate.

We will provide all necessary stationary on the tables, so children should not bring in personal pencil cases.

PE Days

Year 3 will be having PE on a Tuesday afternoon with the sports coach Mr Laird Smith and on Thursdays with Mr Kenny. Please make sure children come to school in correct PE kit.

Reading Books

Children should come to school with their school reading book – this will be a levelled or book banded book. Children in Year 3 should aim to read for at least 15 minutes every day. Year 3 change their books on Monday mornings. We also have a range of other books in the classroom which children can read during reading times in class.

Homework

To help children (and parents!) with homework, we will put together a grid setting out the weekly expectations for the first half of term, which will be sent out shortly.

In essence, children will be expected to complete three reads in a week and practice their maths skills. In addition, there will be fortnightly spellings and a discussion activity linked to our topic.

Values

This term we will be focusing on showing RESPECT in the first half term and on demonstrating KINDNESS in the second half term. We will cover this through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life. Please ask your child how they have been able to show respect and kindness at school and at home.



If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me in school.

Best wishes

Mr Kenny