

Theme

During this term, the children in Year 3 will be focusing on Ancient History, specifically the Stone Age through to the Bronze Age.

In English, we will look at the book "The Stone Age Boy", and develop specific writing techniques:

- Varied sentence starters
- Story planning, particularly the beginning
- Co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions to create compound and complex sentences

We will continue to focus on using a range of punctuation accurately – full stops, commas in lists, question marks, exclamation marks and, most importantly, inverted commas for speech.

In **Science**, we will be learning about rocks: different types of rock, sorting, soil profiles, soil formation and fossils.

In **Art**, the children will be exploring cave painting.

RE

In RE, the children will be looking at Islam. This will include learning about the life of Muhammad, beliefs, places of worship and religious symbols.

Reading

We change the children's reading-scheme books when they bring them in, which should be at least three times a week. Accelerated Reader books will stay in school during the week, but may go home at the weekend.

Year 3, Term 3: 'Time Travellers'

Our values this term are
Growth Mind-set and
Independence

Maths

We will be covering:

- Column addition
- Column subtraction
- Fractions
- Telling time to 5 minutes

The children will also begin learning some of their times tables at home. Information to follow.

Home Learning

Children will receive paper-based Maths, Literacy or Topic homework most weeks. There may also be spelling homework to reinforce the strategies being taught in school that week. Homework will be given out on Friday and is due in by the following Wednesday.

We will continue to update Mathletics with new activities supporting class learning. Additionally, we will update Spellodrome most weeks with new word lists.

French

The children will be continuing to learn French. They will be using conversation and drama to develop their skills.

Wow events!

To launch our topic, the children have been immersed in a week of learning including drama. The children will have the opportunity to handle historical objects to inspire their writing.

Later on, we hope to arrange a hands-on session through Tunbridge Wells Museum. The children will have the opportunity to handle genuine prehistoric objects.

PE

We will be starting swimming this term, going **every Monday morning**. Cedar will be developing their gymnastic skills in Indoor P.E. Hazel will be playing volleyball and handball.

PE days are Friday for Hazel and Wednesday for Cedar.

Please make sure that your child has their correct kit in school, even if they have taken it home within the week for extra-curricular sporting activities.

Computing

In Computing, we will be starting programming, using Scratch Jr and Hopscotch on the iPads.