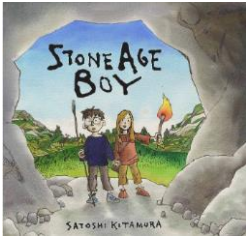


Year 3 Newsletter - Autumn 1 2026

English

Our whole class reading texts are:



This half term we will be reading Stone Age Boy and The Stolen Spear. We will then be writing extended pieces of work including character and setting descriptions, diary entries, narratives, letter writing, explanation writing and much more.

Maths

In maths, we will be learning about the place value of numbers to 1,000 including counting in hundreds and fifties. We will then be learning how to add and subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers using a variety of methods.

Education City and BBC bitesize have a variety of activities to support your children with their maths at home.

History

We are learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, focusing on how life changed in early Britain. We will be having a Stone Age workshop, where we will gain lots of new knowledge to aid us with our topic.

Geography

The children will be learning about how we energise our country. This will involve learning about electricity, nuclear and coal powered energy and alternative energy (wind and solar). We will also explore fossil fuels.

Science

Our topic is 'Rocks, Soils and Fossils'. We will learn about the three different rock types (sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous), how they are formed and what they are used for. We will understand how soil is made and how fossils are formed.

PE

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Our topics this half term are Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OOA) and Gymnastics.

Children will need black shorts or jogging bottoms, team-coloured t-shirt, with trainers/pumps.

Please ensure any earrings are removed and long hair is tied up.

Wider Curriculum

Music: We will be having violin lessons every Monday afternoon. Some children will have keyboard lessons on a Wednesday morning.

French: Greetings and numbers 1-10.

Computing: Digital devices - how devices can be connected to make networks.

PSHE: What I am good at and understanding why rules are important.

RE: Rules followed by different religions.

Art: Henry Moore - we will use charcoal to create a cave art inspired drawing.

Home Learning

Please make sure your child is reading at home on a daily basis. We expect at least four reads a week to be recorded in reading diaries. Reading diaries will be checked every **Thursday**. So please ensure to bring diaries in on this day at the very least. Spelling tests will take place every Monday, so please make sure these are practised in preparation for this day. Children should also be practising times tables on TT Rock Stars (logins are at the back of reading records).

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school office or email me directly,

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Many thanks,

Mr Watts - Class Teacher

Key dates

Thursday 3rd September - Children return to school

Friday 4th September - Stone Age workshop (in-school with facilitator)

Tuesday 29th September - Trip to Heights of Abraham (information in separate letter)

Friday 23rd October - Finish for half term

Monday 2nd November - INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd November - Children return to school

Parents evening - TBC