

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back to school, I hope you have enjoyed the summer break. Our class newsletters and homework grids are available on the school website. If you don't already do so, please follow us on Twitter to see what exciting things we get up to! @cccrprimary

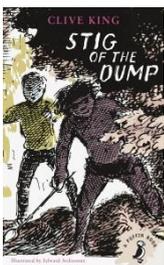
English

In English this term, our work will be based upon the books 'Stone Age Boy' and 'Orion and the Dark.'

During our work on Stone Age Boy, we shall look carefully at the skills needed to effectively describe places. We shall build upon this to write our own story. We shall also be writing instructions for how to make fire.

Whilst looking at Orion and the Dark, the children will write their own short adventure stories and will develop their understanding of the importance of characters in stories. They will then move onto to looking at sound poems and writing their own poems using onomatopoeia.

Our class novel for this half term is: Stig of the Dump by Clive King.



How to help your child in English

Read with your child every night, it is important that children develop a love of reading. Please discuss their books with them to encourage this.

Help them learn the year 3 spelling words which will be sent home at the end of Week 2.

Maths

In maths we are going to be developing our place value knowledge, of larger numbers. We shall spend some time practising our mental arithmetic before learning some new written methods! We will start to learn the column addition and subtraction methods.

There will be a big push on times tables this term, in particular our 3x and 4x tables. Later in the term we will be looking at division.

We shall investigate both 2D and 3D shapes, and their properties, before learning something new - perimeter!

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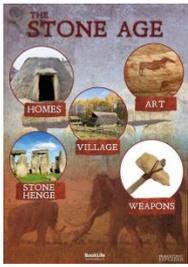
Please practise times tables regularly with your child, and help them to learn their 3x and 4x tables. Allow them to play on TT Rockstars for plenty of short intervals, to show the most impact.

4x 3x

You could also encourage your child to read an analogue clock, by asking them what time it is.



Topic - History, Computing & Art



In History we will be studying 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We shall spend time looking at how the world developed throughout this period of time.

In computing, we will be improving our word processing skills. In art we shall be looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and will create our own nature themed sculpture.

Science

Our science topics are 'Animals including Humans' and 'Light'.

We will be finding out about the human body, identifying the different bones of the skeleton and how muscles work.

In our light topic we will discover how we see, before investigating shadows and the importance of the sun in order for us to see.



RE

In R.E we will be learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot, the importance of Harvest, and why Christians sing in worship.

PSHE

In PSHE we will take part in team building activities using the Commando Joe's programme. We will look at the adventurer Bear Grylls and will complete our own missions similar to those that Bear has completed.

Forest School

During Autumn 2, we will be timetabled to have forest school. Whether or not this will go ahead will be subject to government guidance at the time. Forest school takes place on a Friday. The children will complete exciting challenges which will link to our History topic. These include: designing and making stone age tools and building a mini Stonehenge.

General Notices

- PE for this half term will be on a Wednesday and Thursday and will be outdoors. Please ensure PE kit is in school every day. This should include tracksuit bottoms and a jumper or hoodie.
- We have a new teaching assistant joining our class called Miss Bridge.
- Mrs Taylor will teach the children on a Monday afternoon.
- If you have any questions, or if you would like any further guidance in supporting your child, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us!

Miss Grogan & Miss Bridge