

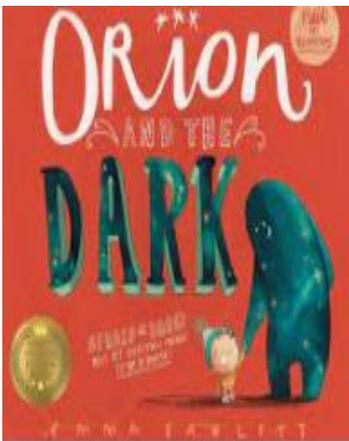
# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

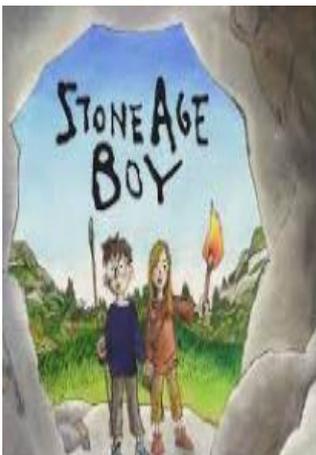
Welcome back to school, I hope you have had a lovely Summer and enjoyed a well-deserved break. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term, which you can read about in this newsletter. If you don't already do so, please follow us on Twitter to see what exciting things we get up to! @CCCRPRIMARY.

## English

In English this term, our work will be based around two books: Orion and the Dark by Emma Yarlett during Autumn 1 and Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura in Autumn 2.



Whilst studying Orion and the Dark, we will look carefully at the skills needed to consider the characters thoughts and feelings, which will help us when we write a diary entry from Orion's perspective.



When working on the book Stone Age Boy, we will look carefully at how we punctuate dialogue and improve our use of descriptive vocabulary. We will also explore various poems linked to the text and write a poem of our own.

## How to help your child in English

Read with your child at least three times per week. Discuss tricky vocabulary and ask your child questions about the story they are reading. You can also practise the Year 3 spelling words sent home with the homework pack.

## **Maths**

During Autumn 1, we will be re-visiting everything we know about place value. We will learn how to partition numbers in different ways and work towards adding and subtracting numbers with up to 3 digits. We will also compare and order numbers up to 1000 and practise rounding them to the nearest 10 or 100.

We will re-visit both 2D and 3D shape and interpret and present data using bar charts and tables.

In Autumn 2, we will look at written and mental methods of multiplication and division. We will write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication using the multiplication tables that the children know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental methods and progress to formal written methods.

We will use everything that we learn to improve our reasoning and problem solving skills and throughout the term, we will continue working on choosing the best method to solve a calculation and work on our mental arithmetic strategies.

### **How to help your child in maths**

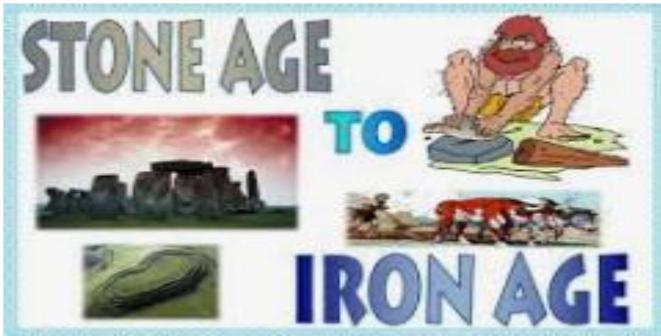
Give children the opportunity to tell the time on an analogue clock and ask them to identify o'clock, quarter past and half past.

Encourage your child to play on Times Tables Rock Stars. This term we will be learning our 3 and 4 times table and re-visiting our 2s, 5s and 10.



## History

In history, we will be studying The Stone Age through to the Iron Age. We will spend time researching how people lived, using artefacts to give us clues as to how they worked, slept and gathered food. We will get our creative juices flowing and try our hand at cave art. During Autumn 2 we will be spending our Fridays in forest school, focusing on everything Stone Age.



## Computing

In computing, we will revisit our word processing skills and work on improving our typing. We will also compose emails and learn how to include attachments.

## Art



In art we will be looking at the work of the British sculptor Andrew Goldsworthy.

## Science

During Autumn 1, we will learn all about light and shadows. We will learn that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We will also experiment with shadow to help us understand how they are formed.



During Autumn 2, we will learn all about animals and humans. We will investigate how they find food and what they eat. We will also spend time comparing the skeletons of humans and whales, identifying similarities and differences.

## PSHE

In PSHE we will be utilising our survival skills and improve our teamwork during Commando Joe sessions.

## RE

In R.E we will consider why Christians sing in worship before looking at how Harvest is celebrated.

As Christmas approaches we will think carefully about how Jesus' birth changed the world.

## PE

In PE this term we will be working hard to improve our ball skills playing netball. We will then move on to Tennis.

## General Notices

- PE for this half term will be on a Monday and a Tuesday.
- Our Autumn term homework grid is now available on the school website.
- Mrs Taylor will teach the children on a Wednesday 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!

*Mrs Dixon & Mrs Marrow*