

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2019

Welcome back to school, I hope you have had a lovely Christmas, and a well-deserved 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!

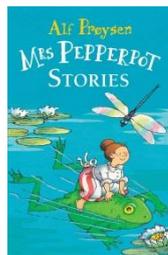
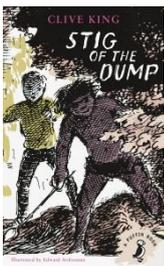
English

In English this term, our work will be based upon the books 'Stone Age Boy' and 'Alice in Wonderland'.

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.

When working on the book Alice in Wonderland, we shall look at different forms of poetry, before writing our own poem. We shall refine our use of paragraphs, and try to show understanding to different character's points of view.

Our class novels for this half term are: Stig of the Dump by Clive King and Mrs Pepperpot Stories by Alf Proysen.



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, sent home at the beginning of the year. Please see me if you need a new copy.

Maths

In maths we are going to be deepening our place value knowledge of larger numbers. We shall spend some time practising our mental arithmetic and also continue to practise the written methods taught last term.

We shall investigate both 2-D and 3-D shapes, and their properties.

We are also spending some time learning about fractions, and understanding how this links to division.

How to help your child in Maths

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

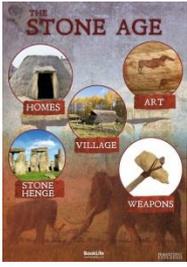


Discuss fractions with your child, and ask them to find fractions of objects (even food!) You could ask them to find a quarter of a cake, or even pizza! Then look at how many pieces are left. Real life learning is very important.

Encourage your child to play on Times Tables Rock Stars, this half term we shall be learning our 8x.



Topic - History, Computing & Art



For the whole of Spring term we shall be learning History. Our topic is Stone Age to Iron Age. We shall spend time looking at how the world has changed throughout this period of time.

In computing, we shall be learning about databases. We shall find out what they are for, before making our own. In art we shall be looking at the work of famous artists including Vincent Van Gogh

Science

Our science topic is 'Forces and Magnets'. We shall be finding



out about the importance of different forces and investigating the force of friction. We shall also spend time understanding how magnets work.

PSHE

In PSHE our units are Emotional Health and Wellbeing, and Economical wellbeing. After half term we shall look at healthy lifestyles.

RE

In R.E we shall be learning about the Jesus and how he saved lives. We shall also look at the sadness and joy around the celebration of Easter.

General Notices

PE for this half term will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday however, PE kit needs to be in school every day for various sports clubs.

You should have also received today a letter regarding homework for the Spring Term.

Mrs Taylor will teach the children on a Wednesday afternoon, she will teach RE, Spanish and Music.

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 Lowe & Mrs Huddy