

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to school, I hope you have enjoyed the summer break. Our class newsletters and homework grids are available on the school website. Follow us on Twitter to see what exciting things we get up to! @cccrprimary

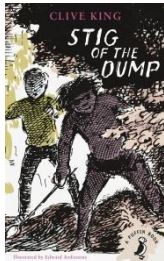
English

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 will look carefully at the skills needed to effectively describe places. The children will write instructions for how to make fire and will also write and design their own information text about the Stone Age.

Whilst looking at Orion and the Dark, we will learn how to use speech marks and will write a dialogue between Orion and his angry mother! We will look at The Sound Collector - a poem by Roger McGough, and the children will write their own poems using onomatopoeia.

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



How to help your child in English

Read with your child at least 3 times per week and ask them questions about what they have read.

Help them learn the year 3 spelling words. A copy of these will be sent home with your child. You can also encourage your child to use Spelling Frame three times per week. They will be set a new spelling rule to practise each week.

Maths

In maths, we are going to be developing our place value knowledge of three-digit numbers. We will spend some time practising our mental arithmetic before learning written methods of column addition and subtraction.

There will be a big push on times tables this term, in particular our 3x and 4x tables. We will also tackle time (a topic lots of children find tricky) learning how to tell time to the nearest 5 minutes on both digital and analogue clocks.

We will investigate the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes, before learning something new - perimeter!

How to help your child in Maths

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. Little and often will have the greatest impact.

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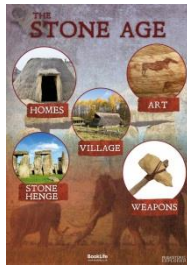
You could also encourage your child to read an analogue clock, by asking them what time it is.



History and Geography

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

In Geography, we will learn about the Lake District. We will look at the physical and human features of the area and the effect of tourism on different groups of people.



Computing

In computing, we will be improving our word processing and will make a Keynote presentation on online safety. We will then move on to coding, using a programme called Scratch to debug and modify programmes.

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.

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 learning how muscles work.

During our light topic, we will discover how we see, before investigating shadows and classifying materials based on whether they are transparent, translucent or opaque.

Art

In Art, we will look at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and will create our own nature themed sculpture.

Forest School

During Autumn 2, we will have forest school. 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. They will also have the opportunity to take part in some Christmas themed activities towards the end of the term.

General Notices

- Our Teaching Assistant this year is Mrs Pope-Jones.
- Mrs Pope-Jones will teach the class on a Wednesday. Mrs Taylor will teach the children on a Tuesday afternoon.
- PE for this half term will be on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure both indoor and outdoor PE kit is in school every day. This should include tracksuit bottoms and a jumper or hoodie. Earrings must be removed or covered with tape.
- If you have any questions or if you would like any further guidance in supporting your child please don't hesitate to speak to us or send us a message on Class Dojo. Class Dojo is monitored during school hours and between teaching, therefore if your query is urgent please contact the school office.

Mrs Preston, Mrs Pope-Jones & Mrs Taylor