

**Autumn 1 Year 3 Class Information:****Teachers: Mr Allen, Mrs Waterton****Additional adults: Ms Morris, Mrs Shepherd****School value:**

Our school value for this half term is Kindness. Circle time sessions will give the children the chance to explore our value.

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to our Year 3 children and their families. We are looking forward to getting to know one another this term. You can follow our class twitter pages to keep up to date with what is happening in the classroom

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If you would like to contact your class teacher, please do not hesitate to make a telephone appointment through the school office or email us at:

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Year 3's learning this half term:**English:**

Paul Geraghty's *Hunter* is this half term's core text. It is a book based in the continent of Africa, that encourages children to explore alongside main character Jamina who helps an orphaned elephant and discovers the impact of hunting. The children will understand issues relating to profitability poaching and extinction. They will use descriptive and emotive language within a diary entry generating noun phrases to share the experiences of Jamina's adventures.

Maths:

In Maths this half term, our focus will be on place value and ordering numbers. The children will look at counting forwards and backwards, and locating specific numbers on a number line. The children will benefit from depth of learning by using their reasoning skills to explain their mathematical thinking step by step. The children will also work towards adding and subtracting a 2-digit number from a 3-digit number with exchanging by the end of the half term.

Science:

This half term in Science, Year 3 will be learning about different types of rocks and how they are formed. The children will be describing the properties of a range of rocks and identify rocks within their everyday environments to apply science to real life situations. There will be lots of experiments including becoming archaeologists and analysing fossils and stones.

PE:

This half term in PE, Year 3 will be focusing on gymnastics and multi- skill games. The children will be learning how to develop balancing techniques and perform forwards and backwards rolls safely. The children will also be using a range of different strategies to improve their agility during activities.

RSE:

Our RSE focus this half term will be linked to families and relationships. The children will be discussing a wide range of family types and respecting that families are different. They will understand that being part of a family/friendship provides support stability and love.

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In Music, the children will be using graphic scores to create an African drumming ensemble by working collaboratively to repeat drumming patterns to create a rhythm.

Curriculum:

In Curriculum, the children will be exploring the Stone age. The children will sequence key historical events, understanding the meaning of BC and AD. The learning journey will focus on comparing the stone age to the modern world and comparing and contrasting the differences between what Stone age ancestor's life was like compared to modern day Britain. The children will also identify topographical features across different localities.

Art:

This half term Year 3 will experiment with a range of materials to create Stone Age inspired artwork. Children will look at a variety of paintings from the era and discuss what they can see on the cave markings and then identify how they can replicate this within their own artwork for their final outcome where images will be drawn onto fabric,

French: The children will begin their French learning journey by understanding the benefits of multilingualism. The children will greet others in French, and then develop their French language skills to ask and answer questions about how they are feeling, to then be able to introduce themselves in conversation.

General Information

PE: PE will take place twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday for Year 3. **Children should bring their PE kits to school** on these days. These PE lessons will all be outside. Please ensure your child has warm kit for this including sensible shoes, trousers/joggers and a jumper.

Reading journals: Please ensure children bring in their reading journals to school **every day**. This allows teachers to check when children have achieved a book certificate and see how they're progressing with their home reading.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle, filled with water, into class with their name on.

Times Tables: In Year 3, children will continue practising instant recall of their times table. This half term, children will focus on learning the 3 times tables.

Homework: Children will be given homework every Friday due for the following Wednesday.

Reading

We do whole class reading **every day**. The children will work as a whole class, reading a range of texts that will help extend their literary understanding. The children will change their home reading books once they have finished and returned their book. Children will choose a book of free choice to enjoy at home as well as having to bring it into class each day.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for twenty minutes. Feel free to give feedback about their progress, or the level of the reading book in their Reading Records. We appreciate all parental feedback.

Dates for the Diary:**Friday 21st September** – Meet the teacher**Friday 22nd October** - Last day of term**Monday 1st November** – Autumn 2 term begins