

Year 3 Newsletter –



Spring Term



What we will be learning about this term:

English – We will be reading the book ‘The stone age boy’, then we will be writing a non-chronological report about the stone age.

Reading – We will be focusing on developing our fluency and doing close reads of texts, thinking about the writer’s intent and what devices the writer uses. We will be reading the book ‘Gregory Cool’.

Maths – We will be learning how to multiply and divide by 3, 4 and 8. After this, the children will learn about length and perimeter. They will measure length in centimetres and millimetres and learn how to calculate the perimeter of a 2D shape. Finally, the children will begin to explore unit and non-unit fractions.

Science – We will start the term with a scientific enquiry focussing on observation over time where the children will explore the requirements for plants to live and grow. The children will also identify, classify and group rocks depending on their appearance and simple physical properties. Towards the end of the term, the children will observe that some materials change state when they are heated and cooled and that this change is reversible.

Art – We will be studying the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh.

Design and Technology – The children will be using computer aided design to create a packaging for a sweet treat. The children will begin by looking at a range of existing packaging to gain inspiration for their own design. The children will then design their own before using the computers to create and evaluate their own packaging for a sweet treat.

History – The children will start a new topic learning about the Stone age to the Iron age.

Geography – The children will begin by exploring the different industries in the UK. Then, they will look at the advantages and disadvantages of living in a city. Finally, the children will consider how people can reduce pollution and become more sustainable.

PSHE – We will be learning about our health and wellbeing-including mental health, physical health and keeping healthy.

RE – We will be learning about the concepts of ‘Good and Evil’. The children will consider how Hindu’s remember the concept of good and evil through the story of Prahlad.

Computing – The children will be developing their knowledge of ‘text’ and ‘images’ and will be using a desktop publishing programme to communicate messages.

Music – Children will explore rhythm and tempo and have the opportunity to play music, changing tempo and maintaining an ostinato.

PE - Our sports coaches will be

Spanish – The children will be focussing on how to name and recall ten different fruits in Spanish. The children will also learn how to say I like... and I



This term's home-learning:

- Please can the children keep practicing their times tables using TTRS.
- Please can the children also keep doing their spelling practice on the app “Emile” and practice for their spelling test each week, playing the games using the game codes we send home each week.
- Keep reading your library books and bring them in to be changed – we go to the library weekly.

Key Dates:

- **Rights Respecting School** whole school themed mornings – the first one is on Wednesday 22nd January and is about our outright campaigning.
- **Explorer dome:** Monday 27th January – more details to follow.
- **Earth day** - More details to follow.