

# 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 fiction book "Flat Stanley" and the non-fiction book "Earth Shattering Events".

**Maths** – We will be learning how to measure length in cm and mm and how to calculate the perimeter of 2D shapes. We will also be learning how to multiply and divide, telling time to the nearest minute and solving time problems. Towards the end of the term, we will be learning about fractions.

**Science** – We will start the term looking at the topic of light and shadow. During this unit the children will be learning to identify natural and man-made light sources and how shadows are made and how to change the size of shadows. The second half of the term we will be focussing on simple forces, including magnets. They will learn how magnets behave when they are put together and how to investigate which materials are attracted to a magnet.

**Art** – We will be studying the paintings of Paul Klee.

**Design and Technology** – The children will be developing out prior knowledge on food and nutrition from the Autumn term by looking at seasonal food, cutting and peeling to design, make and evaluate a "rainbow dish" containing different fruits and vegetables.

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

**Geography** – The children will begin by looking at the way land is used. We will be considering how diverse local and UK landscapes are.

**PSHE** – We will be exploring the concept of relationships, focusing on different types of families, and other relationships such as friendships. We will then be looking at fire and road safety.

**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 sorting data using branching databases. Later on in this unit the children will be able to create their own branching database to sort information.

**Music** – Children will explore pentatonic melodies and composition related to Chinese New Year.

**PE** - Our sports coaches will be teaching the children tag rugby where they will be focussing on passing. They will also have the opportunity to further develop their gymnastic skills.

**Spanish** – The children will be learning to name and recognise up to ten fruits in Spanish. In addition to this they will say what fruits they like and dislike.

### Photos of our Autumn term work:



### This term's home-learning:

- Please can the children keep practicing their times tables using TTRS.
- Please can the children also keeping 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.