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Year 3 – Curriculum Letter – Spring Term

Welcome back – I hope you all feel rested and refreshed after the Christmas break. We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting events and activities going on.

This term's topic



Our topic for this term, which will run through to Easter, is “Stone Age, Bronze Age & Iron Age”. The children have already shown a fascination and interest in this period of history, and I know we will have so much fun learning about it!

As part of our topic, we will be going on a trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Wednesday 19th March (as per our trip letter). We will also have a visit from our history expert Paul Ullson on Wednesday 27th February, so there is a lot to get excited about!

P.E.

P.E. lessons this half term, will be on Thursday morning (in a special dance class with Rachel Royce) and Thursday afternoon football with Mrs Dutton for the first half term. This will be a very busy day for our class! Children will need indoor PE kit for the morning dance session and outdoor kit for the afternoon (football boots/old trainers and jogging bottoms that you are happy to get a little messy). Since football is a unit that comes up a few times in KS2, it might be a good time to consider purchasing shin pads, as it is important that we are protected properly, when playing these sports.

After half term, our PE lessons will return to normal, with sessions on a Thursday afternoon with Mrs Dutton, and a Friday afternoon with Mrs Cooke.

Reading

Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. This could include school reading books (fiction and non-fiction), magazines, comics or anything else which takes their interest. In fact, the wider the range of genres that your child reads the better. We are beginning to think this year about how to tailor writing for different audiences, purposes and genres, so reading a range of texts will help them really understand how writing differs depending on the context. Reading comment books will continue to be used to record reading progress – we really appreciate your continued effort here. Please encourage your child to put their reading comments book and reading book back in their book bags each night so that they are available during the school day.



Art- Mono Printing

This half term we will be studying the history and techniques of mono-printing (A monoprint is a single impression of an image made from a re-printable block). Children will try out various types of printing onto different surfaces, seeing the progression of their efforts as they experiment.



Home learning

A home learning task will continue to be set once each week, typically in either Literacy or Maths but occasionally in other subjects as well. Home learning aims to reinforce a key concept the children have learnt at school. This will usually be set each Friday and due in again the following Wednesday. Additional copies of the home learning, if required, are left in folders in the classroom.

We want to emphasise that homework is not compulsory; we understand that life can sometimes interfere with completing assignments, and children will not be quizzed or penalised if homework is not returned. However, we encourage families to prioritise reading, as research consistently highlights its positive impact on children's learning and development.

A HUGE thank you!

Mrs. Cooke, Miss Weir and Mrs. Walker would like to say a big thank you to Year 3 parents and carers for the extremely kind and thoughtful gifts and cards we received at Christmas. We feel very lucky – thank you for your generosity!

I know that this is going to be another exciting term, and the Year 3 staff have already really enjoyed starting our learning with the children for 2025. If you have any concerns or questions, please come in and see us at the end of the school day, or telephone the office to make an appointment if it is more convenient.

Best wishes,

Miss Weir and Mrs Cooke
Y3 class teachers