

# Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 1 2022

## Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 3! We hope that you had a wonderful summer break and feel refreshed and ready to begin a new academic year! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes, The Year 3 team

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### History



We are very excited to be exploring Stone to Iron Age Britain for our History topic this term. We will be learning about the (New) Stone Age all the way up to the Iron Age. Our studies will involve a series of enquiries and we'll be making links between these vast periods of time and investigating what life might have been like for families then as well as how and where they lived, ate and survived. We will explore a range of evidence and findings (and the lack of) and will take part in practical activities to investigate and experience how historians come to conclusions about the past.

### English



This half term, we will be starting with the wonderful book 'The First Drawing' by Mordicai Gerstein. We will be creating our own setting descriptions, diary entries and narratives. Following that, linked to our science topic 'Rocks', we'll be looking at 'The Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit - a book about the Mt Vesuvius eruption over 1900 years ago! At the end of the half term, our topic write will be focused around our enquiry question *Is it better to live in the 'Stone', 'Bronze' or 'Iron Age'?* - We'll be conducting debates and will summarise our learning by creating a balanced argument.

### Maths



Our first focus of the year will be on number and place value. This will include recapping and developing children's partitioning and calculation skills, leading onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be continuing the weekly mental maths 'rocket' test. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practise their maths facts and times tables. These will be posted on Google Classroom weekly.

### Science



Our science focus this term is rocks, where we'll become geologists and petrologists and study various rocks and soils. We'll explore the different types of rocks there are and work in groups to classify them. We will be looking at fossils will investigate different ways they are formed. In addition to this, we will explore the life and work of Mary Anning, who was a significant fossil hunter in the 1800s.

#### Rough daily timetable:

9:10 - 9:40 Spellings and Reading

9:40 - 10:40 English

BREAK

11:00 - 12.30 Maths

LUNCH

1:30-2:30

Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

2:30-3:20

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#### Dates for the diary:

PE days: 3LM - Monday and Tuesday

3CB - Tuesday and Thursday

3SB - Monday and Friday

On PE days, PE kits must be worn to school, especially trainers. If trainers are forgotten 3 times in a row, your child will receive a detention. Please ensure that your child's clothing is appropriate, comfortable and suited to the weather conditions that day.