



Year 3

Spring Half-term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas break and a happy new year. We have lots of exciting plans this term. Here is an outline of what we will cover during this half term.

English

We have already started our English unit reading 'Ug - The Boy Genius of the Stone Age' and his quest for soft trousers. Children will write a short narrative using the hilarious characters and applying their skill of inverted commas. After that, we are continuing with the prehistoric theme by reading 'The First Drawing' which is

the first Stone Age drawing.



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Maths

In maths, we have started the term revisiting multiplication. We are focusing on building speed and fluency in our 4s, 8s, 3s, 6s and 9s. As well as learning these facts, we have been looking at the relationships between different facts. Some interesting things we will cover are the relationships between the 4s and 8s with doubling and halving and how the 3s, 6s and 9s share common multiples.

After this we plan to continue using 'Maths No Problem' to start investigating fractions. As always, we set weekly homework tasks on mymaths.co.uk but another engaging tool for learning times tables is TTRockstars where each



child has a login and can compete against each other across the school.

Reading

Reading sessions are carried out on a daily basis in each class. Class teachers select a book to read and build pupils' comprehension skills. Please ask your child the book they are reading in class and encourage them to talk to you about the characters or the plot. Some of the books we are reading this

term include: Ottoline and the Purple Fox; Fortunately the Milk and Hotel Flamingo.

Those children who are still on the phonics program have small group sessions and it is vital that they are reading their phonics book everyday to ensure they continue to progress.

Homework

Homework is set and marked online. However if you prefer paper homework, please speak to your child's class teacher. Homework is set on Wednesdays and is due on the following Wednesday.



PE and Performing Arts Kit

Children have Performing Arts lessons on **Wednesday** and they are expected to come to school wearing their drama kits- plain black top and black bottom.

This term our PE day is **Tuesday**. Children are to come to school in their PE kits- plain white top and black bottom on Tuesdays only.

History

This term our project focus is history. During the Spring Term, we will ask the question: 'What changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?' We

will look at the massive changes that occurred in Britain over three ages, investigating the clues and artefacts that were left behind. We will also



combine our history learning with an art project, where we will create stone age paintings using the tools our ancestors used thousands of years ago. Keep your eyes out for our finale on the 11th March where we hope to wow you with our new expert knowledge.

Computing

In our computing lessons, we are becoming graphic designers. We will learn how to create vector images using Google Drawing. We'll share our work on Google Classroom so you can see how we are

progressing.



Other

Information

May we also remind you that our lessons start **at 8:45AM**. Children should be outside the classroom by 8:40AM. Please ensure that your child is in school on time. Thank you for all your ongoing support,

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Team

Mr Allgood and Ms Sultana