



Welcome to Year 3 from Mrs Burkill and Mrs Huckstepp



We hope you all had a fantastic Summer and are now ready to start the New Year. We're looking forward to hearing about what you got up to over the holidays and working together as a class to get stuck into all the exciting topics this year. We are looking forward to working with both you and your children throughout the year!

Year 3

Our topic this term is based all around the Stone Age. We will be delving in to the past and looking through History to some of the first humans on Earth. We will become Historians and Debaters, creating our very own evidence to huge historical questions. We will think about what it was like for people during the Stone Age, including their settlements, clothing and way of life. Our topic will end in a debate about the Woolley Mammoth. Should the Woolley Mammoth be brought back? How much did the Woolley Mammoth impact Stone Age life?

Reading Logs

Your child will bring a reading book home. It is not required that they read this book in particular, however it is important that they read something of a suitable level. Please continue to listen to them read as often as possible. Every time your child reads and their reading log is filled in, they receive a stamp. These stamps are continued from KS1 and they add up to reading prizes. A minimum of 3 reads per week are expected, however please try to read every day, even for a short period, because research has shown a clear link between reading at home and progress. We realise that children and their families have commitments out of school but we really do appreciate every effort from home. Many of our books in Year 3 are new and so we value the care you and your children take with them. Reading logs will be signed by school, on a Monday, so please ensure they are handed in on this day.

Homework

Homework diaries need to be in school every day. We aim to send regular homework home each week, as we feel necessary. Homework needs to be handed in on a Monday, this allows us to mark anything which is completed. Homework diaries need to be in school at all times as homework may set on any day. Homework diaries need to be signed by parents/carers each week and this will be checked on a Monday. There is a prize awarded to the class who have the most signed Homework Diaries handed in so it is important for the class that they are all in! It is important that children complete tasks because homework either consolidates learning for the week or provides an opportunity for the children to do some preparation for the following week. We hope the tasks will be an opportunity for you to work together with your child on a stimulating and meaningful task that will help your child make the progress they deserve during the year. We would also like to reiterate that times tables, spellings and handwriting are continued homework for your child to be doing. It is important that children revisit times tables and spellings in order to deepen their understanding. Children will be given a plastic wallet for their bag, any given homework should be transported to and from school in this. Homework will then be transported in to folders, in school, once marked.

Blog

The school website is used as a vital link between home and school. It is a fantastic tool for celebrating the successes children have in school put also as an anchor for home learning. It is great to see children learning at school but it is a massive achievement if children come home and share their learning with you and this is what is so good to see on the blog! It is a chance for children to blog their comments, but it is also a chance for you to have your say! Children love to see comments and questions from their parents/carers on the blog and so do we! Be aware that homework may sometimes be posted on the Blog. Please return the medical form to school ASAP, as this makes us aware if your child's photo can be used on the Blog.

General Reminders...

- PE will usually be on Tuesdays however this may change so it is important that every pupil has a full PE kit in school every day. Please ensure your child has clearly labelled PE kit (suitable for indoors or outdoors) in school all week (rainy days may mean that outdoor PE sessions have to take place on different days). Your child needs to ensure they have their correct kit and that all jewellery is taken out before school. **Earrings have to be removed, we cannot allow children to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings even if they have plasters over them!**
- A letter has been sent regarding the new policy for dinner money payments. If you should require any more information, please contact the office.
- As space is limited in cloakrooms children should come into school independently. However, if you do have any questions, they may be asked on the door. If you need more time, please arrange an appointment before or after school.
- All children need indoor shoes and these must be clearly labelled and left on chairs in the classroom.