

## Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 2

### Welcome

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful half term break. Hopefully, the last of the really cold weather is nearly behind us and we can start to look forward to the Spring!

In Year 3 this term, our topic is 'The Stone Age to Iron Age'. We have lots of interesting things planned, including a trip to Flag Fen in Peterborough which is the perfect place to experience this period in History, first hand. Please make sure that Holiday Homework projects are handed in by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February so that we can make a start on displaying them in the classroom. Mrs Chester and Mrs Pritchard.

### Spelling and Reading

This term we will continue to test spellings on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday. We will also be continuing to hear the children read on their specified reading days. However, please ensure that reading books are always kept in book bags in case we need them at other times. As a reminder, children are expected to log on to Spelling Shed to practise their weekly spellings and books, which match children's reading levels, are on Ebooks.



### Writing

In English we are going to be writing a letter, a portal narrative (story where a door goes into another world/time) and a character profile. These will all be based around the text 'Stone Age Boy'. We will also be doing some performance poetry based on poems about the Stone Age.



### Maths

In maths this term we are going to be working on length and perimeter, fractions and mass and capacity. It is important that children are secure in their 2,5- and 10-times tables and are focusing on their 3, 4 and 8s. Children are expected to practice weekly on TimesTable Rockstar to help with this. We have a weekly table bingo slot so that the children are visually seeing all the tables regularly.



### Science

We are continuing our topic this term on The Power of Forces. In this term we will explore how magnets are a force by investigating magnetic poles, how magnetic poles attract or repel and understand the science behind gravity.



### Computing

In computing we will be learning how to Code. We will learn about algorithms, collision detection, timers and repeat.



### Design Technology

In D.T. this term our unit is 'Digital World: Electronic Charm'. We will be using technology to Program an eCharm and create a pouch to make it appealing to potential users.



### History

Our history this term is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We will be exploring the following enquiry questions:

*What can archaeology tell us about the Stone Age?*

*What was Britain like after the last Ice Age?*

*What was new about the 'New Stone Age'?*

*How did the Iron Age differ from the Bronze Age?*

*What do Celtic art forms tell us about how they saw their world?*



## Music

The focus of our lessons is The Dragon Song in which we explore the themes of friendship and kindness in Folk Songs from around the world.

We will listen and appraise, take part in a range of musical activities and perform the songs.



## PE

Outdoor PE: Tuesday – Multi-skills (PLEASE note the change of day!)

Indoor PE: Wednesday - Circuits



## PSHE

Our topic for this term is Being Healthy. We will learn how to keep safe, how to keep our bodies healthy and find out what we know about drugs.



## RE

In RE this term, we will be learning about forgiveness through the Easter story. The key question that we will be answering is 'What is good about Good Friday?'



## Homework Project

To create a project about The Savage Stone Age. Please see the separate Homework sheet for a list of projects that you could complete.



## Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities.



## Times Tables Rockstars



## Spelling Shed



### Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



### Class information

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Chester

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Pritchard

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



### **Dates for the diary!**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day – **Choose your own theme. Dressing up as your favourite book character!**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening; 3.30-6pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening; 3.30-5pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Global Recycling Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – World Poetry Day

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Class photographs

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Class trip to Flag Fen Archaeology Park**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – school closes for Easter