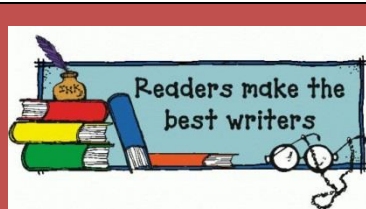


# Year 3 Autumn Newsletter, 2016

Welcome to the autumn term! We are looking forward to another excellent year ahead. Our classrooms promote learning in a stimulating, engaging way that allows children to enjoy every school day as much as they possibly can. Our classroom will be built on strong values such as respect, kindness and friendship. This newsletter will explain all the exciting new things that your child will be learning this term.

Our trips this term will be to the **Museum of London and the British Museum.**

If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us as we would like to continue our excellent home/school relationships, and aim to provide high-quality information, clear communication and an 'open-door' policy.



## Literacy

Our topic this half term will be 'The Stone Age to the Iron Age.' Using this stimulus, the children will be writing diary entries, descriptive recounts and reports. Our class text will be 'Pebble in my Pocket'.

In the second half of the term we will be exploring 'The Adventure Stories' by Anthony Browne.

We will also be exploring poetry this term looking at different skills we have learnt throughout the year. We will also be exploring the performance poetry of Michael Rosen.

We subscribe to 'Bug club', an excellent online reading scheme. Your child will be allocated a book online and will be able to read and answer questions interactively. As well as this, children in Year 3 will be expected to change their reading book each day. At home, please give your child opportunities to read independently and aloud to practise expression. You could also ask them questions about their reading to further develop their understanding of the text. We encourage a level of independence with this: your child will be reminded, but it is their responsibility to change their books.

We appreciate how much support you give your children with reading. Please continue to read at home as much as possible.

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

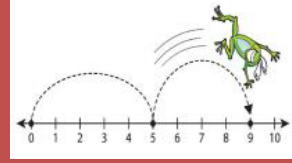
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# Mathematics



This term in Maths, the children will continue to learn a range of different topics:  
Number – The four operations (Add, Subtract, Multiplication, Division) The children will also be solving worded problems and exploring the language of Maths.  
Measures – Weight, Capacity, Length, Time, Money, Handling data  
Shape – Properties of 2D, 3D shapes, Rotation, Symmetry

Useful websites for maths practise at home are:

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.educationcity.co.uk](http://www.educationcity.co.uk)

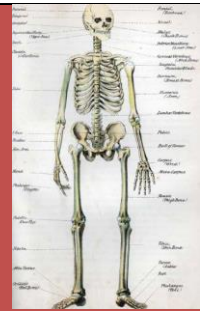
[www.nrich.maths.org](http://www.nrich.maths.org)

**Homework will be set every Friday.**

Please continue to support your child with their maths at home!



# Science



Our topic this term is 'What do rocks tell us about the way that the earth was formed?'  
We will be looking at different properties of rocks and how they are formed.

We will be using our enquiry skills to explore this topic and investigate. We will also be learning about plants and botany through the stimulus: 'How did that blossom become an apple?'



# Humanities



The children will be learning about The Stone Age and early civilisations in Britain. We will be looking at the history of Stonehenge and exploring cave paintings and creating our own.



## Computing

In computing we will be looking at simple programming on the computer using a range of programmes and 'beebots'.

We will also be using the computers to research our history topic.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their computing skills:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

[www.light-bot.com](http://www.light-bot.com)

[www.code.org](http://www.code.org)

[www.scratch.mit.edu](http://www.scratch.mit.edu)

[www.kodugamelab.com](http://www.kodugamelab.com)



## Art/Design & Technology

In Art we will be linking our learning to the Stone age topic. The children will recreate cave paintings and will create their own pebble and rock sand pictures.



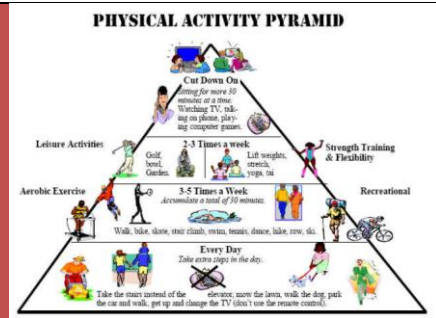
## RE

We will be focusing on the religion of Sikhism. The children will learn about aspects of this religion such as celebrations, the Gurdwara and the Sikh Gurus.

We will then be focusing on the Christian faith and learning about celebrations such as Christmas. We will learn about aspects of the religion such as the church and their God.



## PE



The children will be learning invasion skills and games in the first part of the term. There will be a focus on turning, spinning and twisting using different apparatus. The children will also be focusing on basketball in P.E.

**P.E. day is Wednesday.**

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school with appropriate footwear and ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled to avoid any confusion if items are misplaced.



## Home Learning

**Homework will be set every Friday, due in the following Friday.**

- Weekly spellings to be tested in class each Monday.
- Daily reading. Children should read aloud to their parents or carers and discuss the storyline **every day** and records this in their reading logs, which will be checked.
- Each child will be set an online book on [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) every Friday. They must answer all the comprehension questions (click on the bug) to be set a new book.
- Homework projects will be set every half term for the children to enjoy and learn from. This half term's project is based on The Stone Age.



## General notices/requests

### **Queries, worries or questions**

If you have a concern or any questions, feel free to pop in and see us at the end of the school day at 3:30pm. We will be at the door ensuring children are being safely dismissed.

Please be aware that time at the end of the day can be limited, so if you need to discuss anything in more detail, please call the school office on **020 8520 6267** to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, you can email the school at [admin@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk)

**Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term with your children!**

Miss Airey and Miss Pytel