

Year 3 Autumn Newsletter 2017

Welcome back! We hope you have had a great Summer holiday break and are refreshed and energised for the new year.

Indeed, we are looking forward to another excellent term: This newsletter will explain all the amazing new topics that your child will be learning and some useful tips to help maximise their progress and enjoyment.

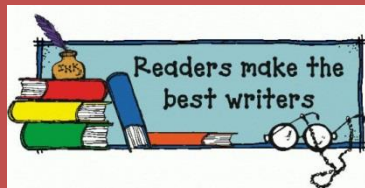
Our classrooms promote learning in a stimulating, engaging way that allows children to enjoy every school day as much as they possibly can.

Our trip this term will be to the Museum of London.

If something is worrying you or if you have a question and find it difficult to come to see us in person, please feel free to telephone us via the school office on 0208 520-6267 or to pop in at the end of the day. We value regular contact with our families and find that it has a very positive impact on developing positive home-school relationships.

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

Miss Airey and Miss Dobson



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' and 'Stone Age Boy'.

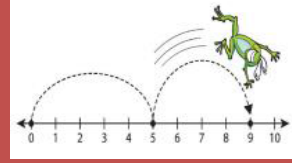
In the second half of the term we will be exploring 'The Adventure Stories' by Anthony Browne. We will also be exploring poetry this term looking at different skills we have learnt throughout the year. We will also be exploring the performance poetry of Michael Rosen.

Please give your child opportunities to read independently and aloud to practise expression. 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. You could ask them questions about their reading to further develop their understanding of the text that they are reading.



Mathematics



This term in Maths, the children will continue to learn a range of different topics:

- Number – The four operations (Addition; Subtraction; 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 and 3D shapes, Rotation, Symmetry.

Useful websites for maths practise

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.educationcity.co.uk

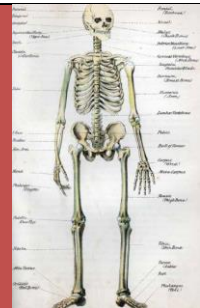
www.nrich.maths.org

Maths homework will be set every Friday.

Please continue to support your child with their maths at home! We are big believers that mental maths is the key to a greater understanding of mathematics.



Science



Our topic this term is Rocks and Soil. We will be looking at how rocks tell us about the way the earth was formed. We will be looking at different types of soil and the qualities which make them useful for different purposes.



Humanities



The children will be learning all about the period of the stone age its transition to the iron age; how early man lived and what life was like then.



Computing

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

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.code.org

www.scratch.mit.edu

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.



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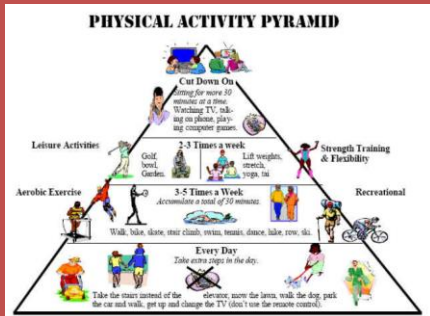


We will be focusing on the religion of Sikhism. The children will learn about aspects of this religion such as celebrations, the Gurdwara and the Sikh Gurus.

We will then be focusing on the Christian faith and learning about celebrations such as Christmas and how Christians understand the concepts of God and the Church.



P.E.



Supernova will do PE on Thursdays and children should come to school in their PE kits.



Home Learning

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

- Weekly Maths homework
- Weekly spellings to be tested in class each Monday.
- Daily reading. Children should read aloud to their parents or carers and discuss the storyline. Many pupils will enjoy reading by themselves; however it is important that children still engage with their parents about the book and discuss the storyline, as this is the best way of checking that children understand what they are reading and that they are pronouncing words correctly.