



Year 3 Autumn Newsletter 2020

Welcome to Year 3!

We are very pleased to be able to teach Nebula and Neutron classes this year and Miss Wilson Mrs Mirza, Mr Edwards, Miss Pytel, Mrs Arribet and Mr Billinge and I have all had a great couple of weeks back with them. It was wonderful seeing the excitement on their faces as they returned to school and the joy of being reunited with their friends.

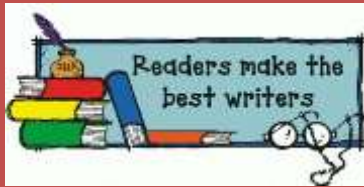
We have an exciting term planned, including a broad and balanced recovery curriculum which will ensure that the children are happy and ready to learn. We will spend time consolidating learning from the previous to ensure that they are confident and secure in their understanding. We will also be doing a lot of physical exercise and art activities to ensure that we are focusing on their well-being.

We will continue to have high expectation and will always challenge the children to push themselves and think in different ways. Learning will be as creative as possible to motivate Nebula and Neutron to achieve.

As always, please contact the school office on 020 8520 6267 or email school@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk if you would like to schedule a phone call meeting to answer any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to a great term with your children!

Miss Townsend, Miss Wilson, Miss Pytel, Miss Arribet and Mr Billinge



Literacy

Our topic this 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 'The First Drawing' and 'Stone Age Boy'.

We will be also learning about Black History Month during October and our literacy books will cover cross curricular links. In the second half of the term we will be exploring Traditional Tales and Twisted Fairy tales, including 'The Tinderbox' by Hans Christian Anderson and 'Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf'.

Furthermore, in Whole Class Reading we will be exploring different fiction and non-fiction books by practising the different skills to comprehend these texts. We will discuss ideas and themes and rehearse how to answer specific question based on these texts.

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. The expectation is that your child reads for at least 20 minutes each day. You could ask them questions about their reading to further develop their understanding of the text that they are reading. If you would like further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The children will be taught grammar as part of their literacy lessons, together with spelling strategies – **a test will conducted every Friday.**

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

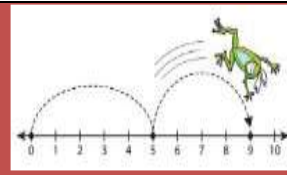
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

<https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-3>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>



Mathematics



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

- Number – Understanding place values
- The four operations (Addition; Subtraction; Multiplication; Division). The children will also be solving worded problems and exploring the language of maths.

Continuing our drive to make children confident mathematicians, we will be focusing on the skill explaining our answers as well as solving them.

For example: *'I know that $4 \times 4 = 16$ because....' 'Therefore I know that 400×400 will be...'*

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. Therefore, it is the expectation that after half term, children will practise their given multiplication tables every day.

Maths homework will be set every other Friday.

Useful websites for maths practise

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsjqtfr>

www.topmarks.co.uk

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/> The 'Math Trainer' is especially good at practising their times tables at speed.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>



Science



Our topic this term is Rocks, Soils and Fossils. 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. Finally, we will research different types of fossils and understand their importance in being evidence that life on this planet dates back millions of years.

If you would like to help your children discover more about this topic, visit the following site:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt>



Humanities



This term, our topic is 'Who first lived in Great Britain?' As part of this unit your children will be learning all about the stone age, the longest period of human development, and the transition to the bronze age and final the iron age. They will learn how early man lived and what life was like then.

This topic will form the basis of our Home Learning Project, where children will research and create different objects from the stone age. For more information, please look at the Home Learning Project sheet for further information.



Computing

In Computing, there will be a continued focus on online safety. We will also be looking at simple block programming, using Scratch, to animate jokes. Children will also learn to use Microsoft Sway to publish a written piece of their work.

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

www.scratch.mit.edu

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.code.org



Art/Design & Technology

In Art we will be linking our learning to the Stone age topic. The children will recreate cave paintings and clay figures. Moreover, the children learn about the works of certain artists, including Henri Gaudier Brzeska's animal sculptures and Henry Moore's studies of the human form, both of whom were influenced by early art forms. In addition, we will be teaching the basic drawing techniques, by studying at shading, tones, texture and perspective. Next half term we will be studying Street Art.



R.E.

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.



P.E.

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 bench ball in P.E.

Neutron will do PE on Wednesday

Nebula will do PE on Thursday

Children should come to school in their PE kits.



Home Learning

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

- Weekly Maths homework
- Weekly spellings to be tested in class each Friday.
- 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.
- Home Learning Project – Stone Age research.