



Year 3

Parent Summary

Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you have had a fantastic summer and are rested and ready for work this Autumn term. As you will see we have an exciting term lined up for the children! Mrs Stewart and Miss Pullenger can't wait to get started and are really looking forward to working with you.

### English

English lessons will be closely linked to our Autumn topics (Stone Age and A Journey Through Europe). Taking inspiration from film and stories such as 'Ug' by Raymond Briggs, the children will write across a range of genres including diary entries, narrative, instructional and persuasive texts as well as letters. The children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills using drama and role play in class. They will also explore a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry in guided reading sessions.



The children will be encouraged to extend their vocabulary through our 'word of the day' activities including the use of a thesaurus. There will also be a focus to practise cursive handwriting, writing in pen.

### Mathematics

The children will continue to use practical equipment, including Numicon, to problem solve in number, money and measurement. They will continue to develop and practise oral and mental skills with a particular focus on times tables.

There will also be regular opportunities for children to take part in maths investigations, developing their mathematical thinking skills and working collaboratively in groups.

### Science

In Science, the children will explore and learn about different rock formations and their properties. There will also be an opportunity to create chocolate rocks! After half term, the focus will be on learning about light sources and shadows.



### Computing

In Computing the children will learn about e-safety and how to stay safe online. They will use the internet to research topics and begin to publish their work. They will also use I-pads and chrome books to explore new learning opportunities and how to work across different apps.



### Cookery

During the Autumn term children will have cooking opportunities covering the 6 strands of cooking skills; weighing and measuring, cutting and knife skills, mixing, shaping and assembling, heating, serving and assembling. The children will work together to follow a recipe for stewed fruit as well as ginger biscuits.



## Humanities

The term will begin with a History focus, learning about life in the **Stone Age** and making comparisons to the present day. Children will place events on a time line and consider the importance of Stone Age inventions.



After half term, the children will go on **A Journey through Europe**, locating countries and capital cities as well as being able to recognise some key geographical features such as rivers and mountain ranges.

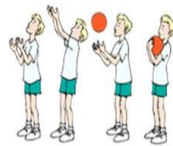


## Music

The children will begin to learn the recorder and understand music theory. They will develop their skills in music appreciation and consider the relationship between music, movement and descriptive sound.

## Physical Education

In P. E. the children will take part in **statutory swimming lessons** every Tuesday. They will also take part in lessons on games improving their throwing, catching and collaborative skills.



## PSHE

In PSHE the children will learn about the risks and effects drugs, alcohol and tobacco and the help available to stop smoking. They will also learn how to keep safe, minimise risk and recognise bullying behaviour and the ways in which to deal with difficult situations.



## Art/Design and Technology

The children will take inspiration from cave art and European artists to create their own replica artwork using a range of artistic media and techniques.

They will also have opportunities to plan and design 3D models based around our topics.

*Please remember that this is just a brief outline of this term's plans and does not include everything the children will be doing!*