



Year 3

North America Class

Term 1

Dear Parent/Carers and children

Welcome back! We are so pleased to see everyone back at school. We hope that your child will not find the transition into KS2 too overwhelming. Rest assured, we will do everything we can to make sure they feel safe and happy to be back as part of the Parochial family.

Please remember that now that your child is in Year 3, school dinners will need to be paid for unless your child is eligible for free school meals. If your child would like a healthy fruit snack for morning break, please send one in with them each morning.

Below please find details of our learning this term.

History - Would you rather live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age? This unit will cover Term 1 and 2.

By the end of the study, children will be able to describe key features of the Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age and will be able to compare these to help make an informed choice about which era they would prefer to live in. Lessons will be enquiry based and will allow the children to investigate the key changes in Britain. Key skills developed will include understanding of chronology, interpreting sources of information, and looking at similarities and differences.

Literacy - We will start off the term with a whole school project called The Walk. The Walk follows Little Amal, a young refugee girl, who represents the 32 million children who have been forced to leave their homes and are often separated from families and friends. The children will learn about various associated concepts of Immigration, Climate Change and Identity. After that, and tying in with our topic learning, we will be reading Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. We will be using this text to write our own rewrite and to develop our use of descriptive vocabulary.

Maths - We will be focussing on Place Value and Number this term. Your children will also be set up with a login and password to Times Table Rockstars - which will help them with their timetables. More details to follow.

Science - Our science topics is all about Rocks. We will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. As well as that we will describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. Lastly, we will recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

RE - Our topic for this term is 'People of God.' The children will be learning about the story of Noah and the idea of the covenant. They will then be looking into how they can make links between this and their life at home and at school.

ICT - Computing systems and Networks. The children will develop their understanding of digital devices with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. It will start by comparing digital and non-digital devices, before introducing them to computer networks that include network infrastructure devices like routers and switches.

Online safety - Our focus for this term about self-image and identity as well as Online Relationships

Art - The focus for these sessions will link to our topic on Stone Age. The children will learn to use charcoal, chalk and a rubber effectively to vary their mark making. They will explore pressure and drawing techniques to draw like a 'caveman'. The children will then develop their drawing skills further using black pen to create 'continuous' line drawings of stones/fossils. They will use different drawing techniques such as cross hatching, dots and dashes to create quick sketches.

Reading in Year 3...

I hope that many of you kept up reading in the holiday. Now that we are all back in school, we shall have a huge emphasis on reading daily in Year 3, helping the children to read fluently and begin to be able to infer from the text. During the school week your child is reading in the class regularly, and we will try and read with them 1:1 as well. Please try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes every day; talk about the story and ask questions like 'what happens when...' and 'who are the characters...', 'what happens first..?' etc. This will help your child to make real progress. Please fill out the reading record as usual so that we can monitor how they are reading at home. The children will get a star for each time they read, and when they get 20 stars there is a reward from the prize box. Library readers can change their books daily after completely quizzes. Banded book readers will have their books changed for them.



General reminders and information:

- We will be doing our **PE** on **Tuesday** (Football). Please send your child in their PE kit on that day. They will stay in PE kit all day. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed for PE. If for any reason, your child is not able to take part in PE please send a note or DOJO message to let me know, otherwise we will expect them to take part.
- Mrs Abbott will be teaching the children on a Thursday. She will follow our Literacy and Maths schemes and then do Reading Activities and Topic Learning in the afternoon.
- Mrs Blackman and Mr Greenhalgh will be taking the class for their Friday afternoon enrichment activities on a Friday afternoon. (PSHE & Music)
- Your child may bring in a **water** bottle to keep in class. This will be kept on a class trolley and can be accessed throughout the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your child's name.
(NO JUICE OR SQUASH PLEASE!)
- **Homework** - will be set on a Friday. It will sometimes come via the homework folder or be set online and sent to you via DOJO. More details to follow.
- **Spelling** - this term's spelling list is attached - please practise the words with your child on a daily basis. I also attach some spelling activities / games to help you make it fun.
- **DOJO** - this is a school communication tool that I use to communicate with parents and families directly. It also enables me to send details and class stories and pictures / videos of the learning we are doing. Attached to this newsletter are details of how to set up your DOJO account - please sign up ASAP - it takes 2 minutes to do it.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me either in person at the end of the day or via email:

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or via Dojo

Thank you
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Ms Booth