

Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High

Hello and welcome to Year 3!

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are well rested ready to work hard in your first year in KS2. This year you will be taught by Miss Hughes. We are also very lucky to have Mrs Stokes working with us all week too!

You will be very excited to learn that our first topic is called 'Time Travellers' and we will be exploring the pre-historic eras of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age! We have lots of exciting things planned, including a trip to the World Museum in Liverpool!

We will have PE on a Monday and Swimming on a Thursday so you must have a full PE kit and swimming wear on these days. However it would be a great idea to have your PE kit in school all week, in case any extra exciting activities happen! Make sure you also bring a water bottle into school daily, this needs to be taken home on a Friday.

In Year 3 you will be given Learning Log homework on a Friday, this needs to be handed back in on a Thursday. You will also be given weekly spellings on a Friday, to learn and then to be tested on the following Friday. Maths homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be handed in the following Thursday.

Now you are in KS2 we encourage you to choose and change your own reading book. We would like you to think carefully about the books you are choosing and try to read lots of different types of books, such as: non-fiction, fiction, poetry and plays. We love it when you read as much as you can at home and expect you to read at least 3 times a week. We will keep a daily record of who has been reading at home. It would be great to hear about any books you have really enjoyed- why not share them with the class by writing a book review in our class library?

We are really excited to work with you this year and can't wait to see your wonderful work!

Miss Hughes and Mrs Stokes



Year 3 Learning Letter

Autumn 2016

Our first topic will focus on Time travelling through time on a journey from The Stone Age to The Iron Age.

In **Art** we will learn about Prehistoric Art; looking at cave drawings and experimenting with mark making using a variety of natural materials.
In **DT** we will investigate the Caveman diet and make prehistoric puppets.



In **English** we will be entering the prehistoric world of The Stone Age Boy and UG through our class texts. This term we will be focusing on fascinating vocabulary, ambitious connectives, dramatic openers and using a variety of interesting punctuation. We will be writing in the forms of narrative and stories from historical settings, reading and performing Winter poems and learning to use dictionaries. Through our thematic approach to learning there will be lots of exciting speaking and listening opportunities from role play to debates.

In **Music** we will be learning about how the caveman made music. We will explore different instruments and create new beats and rhythms of our own.



In **P.E** we will be covering Games and Swimming this term. We are also looking forward to developing our competitive sportsmanship through competitions.

In **R.E** we will be learning about Christianity. During Autumn term one we will look at Christian parables; understanding Jesus' teachings about God. We will then delve into the Christian and Jewish beliefs about the creation of the world.

In **Maths** we will be embracing the new National Curriculum looking at:

- Number Sense: place value, rounding and adding and subtracting; problem solving using mental and written methods of calculation.
- Additive Reasoning: the relationship between multiplication and division.
- Multiplicative Reasoning
- Geometric Reasoning: exploring different triangles and quadrilaterals.

Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through a creative topic approach, where we will become Time Travellers. We will learn what life was like through the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age; looking at homes, diet, jobs and technology. We develop our enquiry skills and build upon our knowledge of maps and atlases.



In **French** we will be given the fantastic opportunity of working with a French specialist. We will develop our skills in conversational French and learn about the French culture.

In **Computing** we will be looking at the importance of staying safe online, where we will discuss and advise each other of the dangers and what can be done to keep us safe. We will then start an exciting unit of work on coding; learning what an algorithm is and how to use these to create games and other exciting things.

