



Curriculum Newsletter Class 3

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

This term our class topic is “**STONES & BONES**”.

English, Communication and Language

This term our class book will be ‘Stig of the Dump’.
During our Talk 4 Writing sessions we will be developing our skills and knowledge of:

Non-fiction

- Recount
- Letter

Fiction

- Poetry
- Narrative

In addition to this, we will also be practising and improving our skills in handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar through EdShed and Grammarsaurus.

Mathematical Understanding

This term we will be following the White Rose Autumn Scheme of Learning which will focus on:

- Place Value
 - Addition and Subtraction
 - Multiplication and Division
- Alongside this, we will also be developing our arithmetic skills and wider numeracy through weekly:
- Big Maths Beat That challenge
 - Big Maths Learn Its challenge
 - Big Maths SAFE challenge (shape, amounts, fractions, explaining data)

French

Madame Byrne will be teaching the children how to talk and write about personal information e.g.

- their name
- age
- where they live
- family

They will also start to look at how particular letters sound in French to help them with their reading skills.



Topic

Our topic work this term will focus on:

Science

- Comparing and grouping different kinds of rocks
- Exploring different properties of rocks
- Learning how fossils are formed
- Investigating soils and what they are made from
- Developing skills in working scientifically

History

- Learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age
- Using a range of primary and second sources to learn about the past
- Asking and answering questions about the past
- Exploring and identifying how key things stayed the same or changed between periods.

Geography

- What are the types of land use in the East Midlands?
- What are the important features of a settlement and why do settlers choose specific places?
- How can facilities in a local area be recorded?
- How can information about local facilities can be presented and analysed?

Art/DT

- Monochromatic art exploring textures and how to draw the features of a face.

Physical Development

PE will be every Friday afternoon. An additional day in the Week is yet to be agreed. We will contact you in advance.
Children will need:

- A white T-shirt and black or blue shorts
- Plimsolls or bare feet for indoor sport.
- Trainers for outdoor sport.
- For safety: no ear-rings please during PE.
- Swimming will not be until Term 4, further details to follow.



Welcome to Year 3.

I hope you all had a lovely summer break.

Over the past few days I've enjoyed getting to know your children and also yourselves where possible! Please forgive me if I am still trying to match your child to you or another family member. I will get there in the end!

Our first topic until Christmas is **Stones & Bones**, which has a history focus. I am considering a very special trip, which will enable the children to develop and consolidate their understanding through first-hand experiences. This visit has been a huge success in the past and the children loved it, further information will follow.

During the course of they year, should you ever have any concerns or queries, please do contact us.

Mrs Russ ☺

RE/PSHE

During RE we will be exploring Hinduism & Christianity. Our big questions are: 'Who is God to Sanatanis?' 'Has Christmas lost its true meaning?'

During PSHE we will be following our JIGSAW programme and exploring 'Being me in my World'.

Music

With Mrs Bierlein the children will be developing their notation skills and looking at how music brings us closer together.