

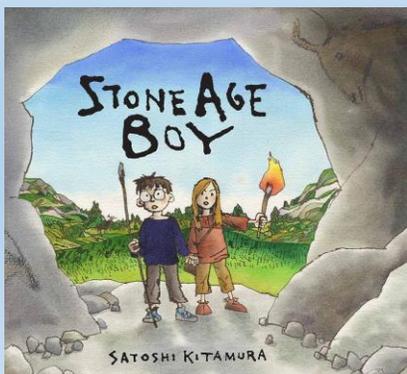
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! The children have settled really well, and we have a busy and exciting term ahead. We have been impressed with the children's enthusiasm for learning! This year, the class has been split into two groups for each morning. This is a great benefit as the children will spend this time learning in groups no larger than fifteen. During the afternoons, the whole class is back together again.

In Key Stage Two, playtime snacks are no longer provided, so if the children would like a snack they need to bring in their own now (some fruit / vegetables). Also, a reminder that if there is anything that we should know urgently or on the day, please email or phone the school rather than use Class Dojo. This is because messages can be missed or seen too late, whereas a call or email to the office will get to us at an appropriate time.

If your child needs a new reading book, then they are encouraged to let a member of the team know so that they can change it themselves. Building independence is a big part of moving into Key Stage Two.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead with the children.



Many thanks, Mrs. Dunford & Miss Lockwood.

English

Our main text for this half term is *The Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. We will use this as a basis for much of our written work, including story writing, instructions and report writing.

Mathematics

There will be a big focus on understanding place value, particularly in three-digit numbers. This will be alongside number patterns. We are also working hard on problem solving and reasoning skills, as well as being able to explain our thinking. We will also be securing knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction.

Any practise at home to secure knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables would be great. We will then begin to learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables this year.

Curriculum

This term we start the year with a History topic, which is finding out about life during the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. We will be looking at the changes that took place during these periods of time, and the significant features of them. As part of our Design & Technology unit on 'structures', we will be planning and making some 3D shapes using nets, and using the features of Stone, Bronze and Iron Age dwellings for inspiration. The children will also start learning French this year too.

Science

Our science topic for this term is 'light & dark'. This includes investigating which surfaces are reflective, as well as investigating how shadows are formed and observing patterns in making shadows.



Trips

This term we will have an in-school workshop for the children, linked to our pre-history topic. This is instead of us going out on a school trip. Look out for further details. We will be asking for a small donation towards the cost thank you.



P.E.

Once swimming ends, PE will be on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that children have suitable clothing for outdoor PE.