

Year Three Newsletter-Term 1

Dear Families,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 3! We are very excited to welcome your children to Dahl Class, with Miss Mathie and Mrs Clennett, and Cowell Class with Mr Williams.

Our history topic for this half term asks, 'Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Iron Age or Bronze Age?' During this topic, the children will be learning about Pre-Historic Britain and how life has changed through the ages.



To support the unit, we ask for you to choose and complete one of the following projects which will be due week commencing 16th October:

- Design and build your own Bronze Age roundhouse.
- Research and create a fact-file for either Stonehenge or Skara Brae.
- Create a Bronze Age survival kit of a list of tools and items that you would need.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to any one of us or send us a message via ClassDojo.

PE

Year 3 PE day is Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their named PE kit on that day. Earrings need to be removed for PE.

Reading

Please ensure that your child's reading book and planner are in school every day. Children will be rewarded for reading regularly.

Water

It is crucial that every child arrives at school with fresh water in a named/labelled bottle. Please do not put water bottles inside book bags.

Snack

As part of our school policy only fruit is allowed for snack time. School will provide this each day.

ClassDojo

We will use ClassDojo to communicate with you and to share the children's learning. House points will now be awarded on Dojo which can be exchanged for tokens to get prizes.

Key Dates:

Parents evening- w/c 16th October
(dates TBC)

Autumn term 1: Tuesday 5th September – Friday 20th October

English

The children will continue to have daily SPaG lessons (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and handwriting to practise alongside writing and reading lessons. Spellings will be set on a Monday on Spelling Shed. We will use the story *The Three Little Pigs* to write a narrative; explore poetry through the theme of autumn; and write a persuasive advert linked to *The Little Shoemaker*.

Our class novel this half term is

Big Sky Mountain

Maths

For the first few weeks of term, the children will be working with numbers to 1000. They will learn how to partition numbers into hundreds, tens and ones, place them on a number line and be able to find 1, 10 or 100 more or less from any number within 1000. They will then apply their knowledge of numbers over 100 through addition and subtraction. They will also have daily arithmetic sessions building on their learning from last year. Times Table Rockstars certificates will be awarded weekly.

Science

The children will explore the topic of Rocks. We will be looking to answer the question: Why are rocks important?

Each week we will be answering a component question. These are as follows:

1. Are all rocks the same?
2. How are rocks formed?
3. How do fossils provide evidence?
4. Can soil be healthy?
5. Why does soil have layers?

Physical Education

On Thursdays the children should come to school in the correct PE kit - plain white t shirt, green or black shorts and trainers. **Children should NOT be wearing football kits as PE kit.**

This half term the children will be learning the skills of football including dribbling, passing and shooting. At the end of the term there will be an inter house competition.

Art/ Design & Technology

In Dahl Class, the children will start their DT unit of **Food** by exploring the theme 'Eating Seasonally'. They will learn about the relationship between the colour of fruits and vegetables and their health benefits.

In Cowell Class, they will start their Art unit of **Drawing** exploring the techniques of artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe to help the children see like an artist and produce abstract drawings using shading.

History

The children will be learning about Pre-Historic Britain. We will start by understanding how long ago Pre-Historic Britain was before learning about Skara Brae, the Amesbury Archer followed by learning how materials and trade changed life during these time periods.

Homework

As a school we expect the children to read at least 5 times a week (record in the planner), use TTRockstars to practise times tables and practise Edshed spellings each week.

These will be checked in school each week. Login details can be found at the front of their planners

We have also set a project related to our history learning.

This can be brought in at the end of this term and presented to the rest of the class. This homework information is on the front of this newsletter.

Computing

This half term we are looking at networks and the internet. The children will learn that a network is two or more devices connected. At the end of the topic they should be able to explain how information moves around a network, the role of the server and also understand that networks connect to the internet via a router. **If your child is not able to access online homework eg TTRockstars and Edshed please let us know as we will not be using these in our computing lessons.**