Year 3 Learning Overview Autumn 1

English



In English this half-term, the children will be studying the text the Stone Age Boy. They will look at the various language features and practise using these skills. We will be looking at skills such as fronted adverbials, direct speech and description.

Suggestions of ways you can support your child's English: Talk about adjectives (describing words) and think of interesting ones to describe nouns. Instead of using common ones think of alternatives for example instead of 'big' use enormous.

Science



Our science topic for this half-term is plants. As always, the children will develop their scientific enquiry skills by working practically to explore the parts of a plant and the pollination process.

Trips and Experiences

We are visiting Chelmsford Museum on Wednesday 25th November.
Each class will need a few parent helpers. If you are able to help please let your class teacher know and closer to the time helpers will be selected.

Thank you for all your support

Maths



In Maths this half-term, the children will be looking at place value up to 1000. The children will explore this by part whole models and pictorial representations. They will learn how about addition. We will be using mental and formal methods.

Suggestions of ways you can support your child's Maths: Please encourage your child to go on Times Table Rock Stars. This year they will need to be confident with the 2,3,4,5,8 & 10 times tables.

History



Our topic for this half-term is the Three Ages. We will begin by learning about life in the Stone Age before moving on to the Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be looking at artefacts and different sources. The children will be analysing these to learn about the different ways of life.

Extra Information

PE: Our PE days are Wednesday & Thursday. Please ensure children are wearing correct PE kit and no jewellery on these days (earrings can be taped up at home if needed).
Water Bottles: Please ensure that your child brings sufficient water for the whole school day. If this is a shop bought bottle, please ensure that this is clearly labelled with your child's name.
Merits: In Year 3, the week for merits will run Thursday to Thursday. The spelling test and maths test for Year 3 will be conducted on a Thursday and this is when adults will stamp the learning logs.

Reading: Now that the children are selecting books that are longer and more complex we would not expect them to be reading a whole book in one sitting. The expectation for gaining their merit is to read with an adult for **15 minutes, four times a week.** Merits may not be awarded if only a small number of pages are read.