



Year 3 Spring Term

What's happening in Year 3?

ENGLISH/TOPIC/SCIENCE

The title of our topic this half term is **Tribal Tales**. Our main class text will be *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. Children will learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and how life was different for those people living thousands of years ago.

In science our topic is called Rock Detectives. We will explore properties of different rocks and learn how to classify using a key, think about their relationship to soils and learn how fossils have formed over time.

Next half term the topic will be **Predator**. Our main text will be *Varjak Paw* by SF Said. Children will learn more about the animal kingdom including food chains and habitats. We will develop our artistic skills of observation and handling different media by looking in detail at animal shapes, markings and colourings. We will learn more about the geography of the countries in which different predators live.

BIG MATHS

This term's learn-its will be the 4x table. Children are required to know all of their times tables quickly and accurately. This year group will be the first to complete the new nation-wide Times Tables assessment at the end of Year 4 and so it is crucial that they know every learn-it. We will also be looking at linking fractions to division, equivalent fractions and combining times tables facts to work with bigger numbers.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

On Thursday, the children will work with our specialist sports coach, who will develop the children's ball fitness and aerobics through gymnastics and dance. This session will mainly take place inside, so it is crucial children have their normal PE kits of yellow T-shirt, blue shorts and black pumps. Earrings must be removed and long hair tied up for both sessions. When sessions occur outside, they may need jogging bottoms or their school jumper.

HOMEWORK (look out for the little red book in your child's bag)

MONDAY	Please listen to your child read and write in their reading record.
TUESDAY	Your child will be set Maths homework (related to 'Learn Its').
WEDNESDAY	Please listen to your child read and write in their reading record.
THURSDAY	Your child will be set Maths homework (usually a worksheet with example of method used).
FRIDAY	Occasional Topic homework. Around 6 spellings once a week (may not always be set on a Friday).

READING RECORD

Make sure your child is still aware of the '5 finger test' for choosing a library book. Please record when you hear your child read at home and indicate when they have finished and discussed the book with you by writing END or FINISHED. **Reading records must be signed by an adult as children will not be able to change their book if it is not.** Please remember to tally the amount of books your child has read in the back of their reading record. **Children must bring their reading record and reading book to school each day and take it home at the end of each day.** Children in Year 3 are responsible for showing their class teacher their reading record when they are ready to choose a new book

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions; we will be happy to answer them.

Thanks for your co-operation and support.

Mr Barley, Mrs Brand and Miss Soomal

