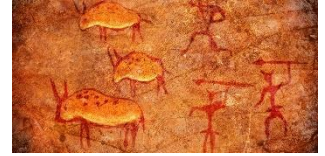




Year 3 Summer Newsletter

Discover Project



Big Question – How did the first people survive?

A warm welcome back to the Summer Term in Year 3! We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break and are as excited about the new term as we are. This will be a busy term with lots of things to **discover** as we look forward to taking a journey back in time for our final project of the year...

DISCOVER PROJECT

During the Summer Term, children will be asked the Big Question 'How did the first people survive?' We will take a journey back in time to find out about life through the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. Just a few things that we will learn about will include:

- What are hunter-gatherers? How and what did people eat?
- Where is Star Carr and why was it important during the Stone Age?
- What were homes like? What is cave art?
- What do artefacts tell us about the Stone Age?
- Where was Skara Brae?
- What were animals like in the Stone Age?
- What happened when farming was introduced?



To support with this term's project, have a look at our project placemat which is available on the Year 3 class page on the school website. Our learning will be supported by a visit to Creswell Crags on Thursday 26th May...watch out for a letter with more information soon!

ENGLISH

A range of inspiring texts will be used to support our **DISCOVER** project this term. For our writing projects, we be exploring the texts Stone Age Boy and How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth!



In our extended reading sessions, we will also be reading the text 'Stig of the Dump'. Stig of the Dump tells the story of Barney, a solitary eight-year-old boy. One day, he tumbles over, lands in a sort of cave, and meets somebody with shaggy hair wearing a rabbit-skin and speaking in grunts. He names him Stig. They together raid the rubbish dump at the bottom of the pit, improve Stig's cave dwelling, and enjoy a series of adventures!

SCIENCE

In science, we will be learning about rocks, soils and fossils. We are lucky to have a very exciting STEM visitor on Thursday 28th April who will deliver a hands-on session about rocks, fossils and what geologists do. Children will have the opportunity to observe a rock and fossil collection and gain an overview of what a geologist does and how it is important to our lives.

MATHS

In maths, we continue to follow the White Rose programme of work. This term we will focus on:

- Measurement: Length and Perimeter
- Fractions
- Time
- Properties of Shape
- Mass and Capacity



Mrs O'Dea will continue with times-table Fridays where children will also focus on their division and problem solving skills.

You can support your child at home by continuing to practise their times tables (particularly, 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s) and TT Rock Stars is still available to support with this. White Rose have also released a new '1-minute maths' app which is perfect for that daily practise!



PE

PE will continue take place on Tuesdays (with Mr Martin) and Fridays (with Mrs O'Dea) and children should continue to come into school in their PE kits on these days.. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back on these days and that children are not wearing any jewellery (including earrings).

OTHER CURRICULUM AREAS:

- **Computing** - Branching Databases / Internet and Email
- **RE** - Worship and Sacred Places: Where, how and why do people worship?
- **Design Technology** - Structures
- **French** will continue to take place on Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Smith
- In **RSHE** we will continue to explore a range of questions using our 'Talking Points' Texts.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT AT HOME?

- This term's, '**Pick and Mix**' homework is now available on the school website.
- **Sticky Questions** will continue to be set on a Thursday and we will discuss these in class throughout the following week (starting on the Monday!).
- **Focus Five** - your child will soon receive their new focus five words to practise at home. There is a list of statutory Y3/4 words in your child's planner for you to work on too!
- **Reading** - please continue to read regularly with your child. As part of our new Accelerated Reader approach, children will complete a quiz in school once they have finished a book to see what they have remembered!
- **Other links can be found on the Year 3 class page on the school website!**

CAN YOU HELP?

Are you able to help with any of the topics above? Do you have any skills/talents linked to the things we are learning? Perhaps you know somebody who has a history-based career who might be able to come in and inspire us? Please let us know! We would love to invite you in.

We look forward to another exciting term with Year 3! Please don't hesitate to come and talk to us should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

YEAR 3 TEAM (Miss Taylor, Mrs O'Dea and Mrs Wilson)