

Nevill Road Junior School 2015-2016



Welcome to Year 3

This half term we are studying the Stone Age through to the Iron Age.

This term we will be focussing on the following areas and skills:

English

This term we are going to be studying the following areas:

- Narrative including characters
- Report Writing
- Persuasive Writing
- Seasonal poems

Much of our writing will be cross-curricular based.

We will also continue to work on our spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Maths

This term we will be spending time working on the following topics:

- Mental addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers or greater
- Formal written addition and subtraction of numbers
- Measures and time
- Geometry including 3d shapes
- Multiplication tables (x3, x4 and x8, then x6 and x9.)

We will continue to work on logic and reasoning skills through problem solving and investigation.

Science:

This half term we will study rocks. Objectives will include:

Grouping rocks

Explain how fossils are formed

Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

Topic:

This half term we will look at the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. We will learn about where and how people lived in each period and how life changed over time.

Other Subjects (this half term)

Computing: Using Scratch 2 to decompose and write simple programmes.

Art - Work linked to our topic - Stone Age paintings

Music - the children will be learning to play the recorder.

MFL - French

PSHE: Weekly circle time

PE days:

Indoor P.E. - Thursday. This half term we are doing Stone Age dancing. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit: shorts, a T shirt and pumps or trainers for indoor PE and dark jogging bottoms, a T shirt and a warm sweater for outdoor PE. Please ensure all PE kit is clearly named. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE, so earrings should either be left at home that day or children need to be able to remove their earrings themselves.

Swimming will continue on Wednesday mornings until Wednesday 3rd March.

Homework

In our year group the following homework will be set (in line with the school's homework policy):

Monday: Maths handed out. This is to be handed in the following Friday.

Thursday: English homework handed out. This is to be handed in the following Monday.

The children will have the opportunity to change reading books at least once per week.

How you can help:

Children should be reading daily as this supports their writing and comprehension skills. Please encourage your child to note down their reading in their reading diary. Please also help your children to bring their reading book and diary to school every day.

In order to support children in Maths, it is essential that children continue to learn their multiplication tables. Please start with the x2, x5 and x10 tables, then move to x3, x4 and x8, and then the rest.

If you require any more guidance on this please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

Mr Kinnear, Miss Roberts and Miss Dean
Y3 Class Teachers