

# Nevill Road Junior School 2017-2018



## Year 3

Our topic this term is 'Stone Age through to Iron Age'

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

### English

#### Writing -



- Stories linked to the topic of the Stone Age
- Instructions
- Persuasion
- Poetry

#### Ongoing word and sentence work- (VCOP/SPAG)

- Prepositions, adverbs, ambitious and interesting vocabulary.
- Conjunctions - joining words to make longer sentences, time adverbials.
- Openers - beginning sentences in a variety of ways.
- Punctuation.
- Spelling strategies and investigations; homophones, prefixes, suffixes, apostrophes for contractions and word families.
- Handwriting.

Speaking and Listening- Drama. Group and class discussions. Short presentations to the class.

### Maths



Every day we focus on mental calculation skills, number bonds and helping the children to learn their multiplication tables.

The children will be studying the following areas of Maths:

- Revising place value of numbers.
- Revising written and mental methods for addition and subtraction.
- Written and mental methods for multiplication and division.
- Telling the time to the nearest minute.
- Fractions, including counting in tenths.

### PE days:

The children will have 2 PE sessions each week, Monday and Thursday afternoons. One session will take place outdoors and one will take place in the hall. Please can both indoor and outdoor PE kits (including trainers) remain in school during the week. As an active school, we often use the field for walking, jogging or running during the day.

Please ensure all PE kit is clearly named. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE. Earrings should either be left at home on PE days, or children need to be able to remove them themselves.

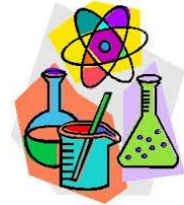
Year 3 will not be going swimming this half term. Swimming will begin after Christmas.



## Science and Topic:

### Rocks

- Grouping different rocks- man-made & natural.
- Explain what fossils are and how they are formed.
- Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.



### Plants

- Functions of each part of a plant.
- Requirements that a plant needs to survive.
- Importance of water.
- Life cycle of a flower.

### Topic - Iron Age Through to Stone Age

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.

ICT - Simple coding using Scratch 2, word processing skills, desktop publishing

RE - Christianity

PSHE -Resilience, Respect, celebrating difference and diversity, E Safety, Talk about & understand the role of medicine, Harmful aspects of some household products & medicines. Keeping safe and taking risks, Growing Up - Body parts, Anti-Bullying.

Art - Work linked to our topic - Stone Age paintings.

Music -The children will be learning to play the recorder. Recorder lessons will take place on a Thursday.

MFL - French.



### Homework

In Year 3 the following homework will be set (in line with the school's Homework policy):

- **Spelling / English and Maths homework will be given out each Friday. Completed homework must be returned by the following Wednesday.**
- Topic - a matrix homework will go out at the beginning of each half term and children will be able to choose, then complete, a number of suggested activities.
- Children should read daily for at least 10 minutes and be heard by an adult as often as possible. Please record any comments in their Reading Diary.
- We have noticed many of the children have found learning their times tables difficult. We will practise these at the start of maths lessons, please could we ask you to support the children learning them at home as well. Many thanks.

### How you can help:

Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day.

Occasionally, pupils may be asked to bring in resources from home or to carry out research.

If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.



### PPA Time:

The teachers have PPA time on a Thursday afternoon. During PPA time, Miss Dean's class and Miss Whittle's class will be taught by Mrs Marshall and Miss Robinson. Mr Kinnear's class will be taught by Mrs Clarke and a sports coach. Due to Mr Kinnear having management time, 3K will be also covered by Mrs Clarke on a Thursday morning.

Thank you.

Mr Kinnear, Miss Whittle and Miss Dean.