

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you've had a fantastic holiday. We are very excited to be back and ready to continue with our fantastic learning. School starts at 8:50 and finishes at 3:05.

Please don't hesitate to come and see a member of the Year 3 team if you have any worries or questions.

Science

We have planned exciting activities to help children understand rocks where the children will retell the life journey of a grain of sand. They will also learn about the different types of rocks and about rock forms. From this learning, we will be able to identify different rocks in our surroundings.

Mathematics

Children will continue to learn about place value in the real life context of money. They will learn to work out change from different amounts of money using £ and p's. We will continue to develop our knowledge of the 3 and 4 times tables. The children will progress from mental methods towards a written method for division. Also the children will learn about length and mass using the correct units of measure. They will learn how to find fractions of shapes and numbers.

French

This half term we will learn the names for fruits and vegetables in French. We will play games to help us remember their names.

Art

This half term we will be focussing on our sketching skills.

Computing

In Shirley Warren we always ensure children can use the Internet safely. This half term we will be focussing on creating their own spreadsheets. They will initially collect the data and then learn to input it into spreadsheets and create graphs from the data.

Dance and PE

Send and receive—Basketball

Y3H: Wednesdays and Thursdays

Y3S: Wednesdays and Thursdays

PE kit: gold T-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls.



Spring 1 in Year 3

Topic: Stone, Bronze and Iron Age

As part of our topic work we will be learning about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. We will learn to understand about the changes that occurred over time in Early Britain. This learning will help us to understand the chronology of events. Through our topic work, we will learn about Skara Brae, Stonehenge and Danesbury hill fort.

English

This half term we will be focussing on Stone Age stories, including the Stone Age Boy and the Mermaid of Zennor. We will use the pictures and descriptive language from Stone Age Boy to create observational poems based on Stone Age daily life. We will then look into Myths and Legends using the Mermaid of Zennor. From this story, we will write our own Stone Age Myth. Our focus will be on including interesting vocabulary and a variety of sentence starters to excite the reader.

How can I help my child at home?

Websites and games

Hit the Button—times table practise, number bonds practise.

Sumdog—lots of different maths and English games.

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/ - Logins will be provided for the children to access this website.

[Topmarks.com/maths-games](http://www.topmarks.com/maths-games)— Interesting maths games and activities including times tables and fractions.

<http://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/stone-age/> - information about the Stone Age for children.

I Spy—to describe objects and name objects.

Bingo—could be used for both English and Maths activities to practise their skills.

Shopping—Let your children work out the change you will receive when shopping.

English

Read, read, read!

Please make sure your child reads daily. They don't have to read to an adult every day, but they should still read. Reading helps develop their vocabulary and imagination; it helps improve their writing and concentration skills, and it calms them down at bedtime!

They will have a home-reading book and a library book, as usual. They can also, of course, read any other books, comics, magazines that you might have at home!

Talk about books:

Try to read to/with your child often. Discuss the illustrations, the characters, the language used by the writer, whether you like the book and why. Also try to get your child to retell the story to you in their own words.

Remember you can borrow books from your local library and it is totally free!

This half term we will be focusing on poems, Stone Age stories and Myths and Legends.

Homework, home project, home-reading and library books

Homework will be sent home every Monday and is due back by Friday.

Home-reading books will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Library books need to be in your child's bag ready to be changed on Library day (Y3H: Wednesday , Y3S: Tuesday)