

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. Just a reminder, in Key Stage 2, school **starts at 8:50 and finishes at 3:05**. If you have any worries or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see a member of the Year 3 team*

Science

We have planned exciting activities to help children understand what we need for a healthy and balanced diet. We will look at the different food categories and decide what makes a balanced meal.

The children will also be learning about skeletons and their purpose. It would be great if you could discuss the different foods that you eat as a family at home.

PE

Dance and Invasion games- Hockey

Wednesdays and Thursdays

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

Music

This half term, we will be linking our music learning to our topic work whilst developing our knowledge of rhythm and composition.

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 about the changes that occurred over time in Early Britain.

This learning will help us to understand the chronology of important events. Through our topic work, we will learn about Skara Brae and Stonehenge. We will have a visit to Butser Ancient Farm during this term, so watch this space!

Autumn 1 in Year 3



Mathematics

*Children will learn to understand the place value of each digit in 3-digit numbers (hundreds, tens and ones). We will learn to find 10 and 100 more or less of different numbers. Also, we will learn to compare and order numbers up to 1000. A focus will be on practising to count in multiples of 4, 8 and 50's from 0. At home you could help your child by playing number games, for example; **Guess my number:** Think of a number and write it down. Can your child ask questions to guess it? (Do you have 4 in your hundreds column? Etc...)*

Computing

In Shirley Warren, we always ensure children can use the Internet safely. This half term, we will be focusing on keeping our passwords safe and using algorithms to find bugs in games. It would be great if you could support your child by discussing how to be safe on the internet and how to follow our e-safety charter.

English

This half term, we will be exploring the books 'Gorilla' and 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. In particular, the children will discuss how the characters feel and behave in the stories.

We will also read books based on our topic, including the Stone Age Boy; the children will use the pictures and descriptive language in these books to create observational poems of Stone Age daily life. It will really help your child if you could work with them at home on their handwriting to embed the cursive expectations.

How can I help my child at home?

Websites and Maths 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— Interesting maths games and activities including times tables.

ESL Games Plus—Games to improve vocabulary choices within sentences.

Learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org—English games to practise building new vocabulary.

I Spy—to describe objects and name objects.

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

Times tables—Quick-fire questions for multiplication and division.

Give an answer, what is the question? ($24 = 6 \times 4$)

English

Read, read, read!

Please make sure your child reads daily, even if it is only a few pages. 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!

Reading challenge: try to read as often as you can and fill in your challenge card to get entered into the prize draw!

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.

New reading challenge sheets are available from the class teacher when you have finished—remember they need to be signed by an adult.

Library books need to be in your child's bag ready to be changed on Library day (Y3N and Y3S—Wednesday)