



THE RADSTONE
Primary School

The Year 3 Team

3LT/NW

Mrs Pantrey /Mrs Tseronis

Class Teachers

Mrs Pepper

Teaching Assistant

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Mrs Homans

Class Teacher

Mrs Woodward

Teaching Assistant

Additional Teachers

Mrs Keites & Mr Howard

PE

Mrs Fulford

Art

Ms Wickham

Music

Mrs Fanthorpe

French

Homework & Reading

Information regarding the homework that your children will receive in Year 3 will follow shortly.

Year 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 3! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable summer. Your children have made a great start to the year and we are looking forward to a fantastic time together. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience at drop off and collection times as we navigate all the changes for the new term.

Subject Overviews

English

In English, we will be exploring texts which link to and enhance the topics we are studying in Humanities.

We start with the story of *Stone Age Boy*, by Satoshi Kitamura, using this text to explore adjectives, how to write direct speech and then write our own story about a Stone Age girl who ends up in the modern world. We will then look at an imagined letter from Boudicca, as she plans an attack on the Romans, using the text to explore further writing skills, such as recount and persuasive language. In the second half of the Autumn term, we will return to narrative writing, using Roald Dahl's *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* as inspiration. We will also continue developing the children's comprehension skills through our frequent book talk sessions.

Maths

Throughout the Autumn term our focus in Maths will be on Number; we will start by carrying out work on place value before moving on to addition and subtraction (where we will be working on both mental and formal written methods). After the half term holiday we will be focusing on multiplication and division. In each area that we cover in Maths the children will be encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop their reasoning skills.

Science

During the first half term the children will be learning about Forces and Magnets. They will build on their existing knowledge of forces, including gravity and friction, and will carry out practical investigations to deepen their level of understanding. They will also be learning about magnetism and investigating whether magnets work through different materials. In the second half term, as part of our 'Animals, including humans' unit of work, the children will be learning about the diets of both animals and humans. They will also learn about the functions of the skeleton and how our joints and muscles help us to move.

Computing

In Computing this term the children will be learning to create presentations using Microsoft Powerpoint. The children will learn a range of different skills while creating presentations for different audiences, and discuss issues of online trust and privacy.

Useful Dates

Tuesday 19th

September

Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 3rd October

Individual photos

Tuesday 10th October

Harvest Festival

Thursday 12th

October

Stone Age Day

Tuesday 7th

November

Parents' evening

Thursday 9th

November

Parents' Evening

Saturday 25th

November

FORPS Christmas Craft
Fair

Tuesday 12th

December

Christmas performance
(2pm and 5pm)

Wednesday 20th

December

Christmas Lunch

Subject Overviews

Humanities

This half term in History the children will be learning about the people who lived in Prehistoric Britain during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will learn about how life changed throughout these periods in time and focusing on the lifestyles that they led due to the resources that were available. After half term we will begin a Geography unit of work about Villages, Towns and Cities. This half term in RE the children will be studying sacred texts focussing on the Bible and the Torah. Then after half term they will be looking at Christianity and the importance of Christmas.

PSHE

In our Health and Wellbeing lessons this half term we will focus on ourselves and our relationships. During these lessons we will think about our special people and friends, how to have respectful relationships and how to resolve conflict.

PE and Swimming

Each Thursday there will be a PE lesson with Mrs Keites. On Fridays, the children will have their swimming lesson. Children can leave their kit in the classroom and bring them home termly for washing. In their PE lessons this term Year 3 will be doing basketball. They will focus on the basic skills of the game – dribbling, passing and shooting. These skills will then be applied in small sided games. After half term Year 3 will be doing gymnastics. They will be learning to link basic skills together with more control and fluency. The key gymnastic shapes will be performed with good body tensions and applied to balance, jumping and travel. They will begin to work as a group and respectfully evaluate the work of others.

The Arts

In the art room this term the children will be developing their drawing and painting skills, whilst exploring art from the Stone Age. Inspired by cave art by the very first artists, the children will create their own cave art for a collaborative display. Later in the term, the children will explore a variety of contemporary artists to inspire them to paint their own landscapes of the local area.

French

Mrs Fanthorpe is really looking forward to starting Year 3 on their journey through the Kapow Primary scheme for French. Initially the children in Year 3 will be learning basic greetings in French as well as being able to describe how they are feeling and asking others the same question. After half-term, Year 3 will then move onto the vocabulary for colours, shapes and sizes so that they are able to describe the paintings of Matisse. The topic concludes with the children creating their own piece of art in the same style and describing it to others.

Other Reminders

- If you haven't done so already, please ensure your children's belongings are all named.
- Art aprons can be sent to the class teacher and left at school for the term.
- We will take the children outside as often as possible, so please ensure they have a coat.
- Please remember to send in a snack for playtime if you wish because the free fruit scheme is for Reception and Key Stage 1 only.