

## Curriculum Newsletter for Year 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We have a very exciting time ahead of us. In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements for the Autumn Term.

Class	Year 3 Meerkats and Lemurs	
Class Teacher	Mrs O'Donnell and Mr Burton	
Other teachers teaching the class	Mrs Lacey (Meerkats, Monday and Thursday) Mrs Humes (Lemurs, Thursday)	
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Turner - Lemurs Mrs Matthews - Meerkats	
Home learning	All home learning, including Mathletics activities, will be set and sent home on a Thursday. These will need to be returned or completed by the following Tuesday.	
Reading books	Children can change their reading books every day if they wish, as long as they have read the book at home. Please try and hear your child read for at least 20 minutes each day. Please remember to sign the reading record when you have read with your child, indicating the page number reached. Again, any brief comments about how your child read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment. The children may also keep a track of their own reading in this record.	
PE kits	Our PE days are Tuesdays for both classes. Then Mondays and Fridays on an alternate weekly basis. Please ensure <b>named</b> PE kit is in school on these days. This must include some named plimsoles. All jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.	
Planned trips this term:	Butser Farm – Letters have been sent home Victorian Day – in school (costumes needed)	
Theme work	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
	<i>Hard Rock and Heavy Metal</i>	<i>The Victorious Victorians</i>

We have outlined below an overview of our learning this term which will help you to support your child at home. If you have any questions about these topics, please come and talk to us.

## **Literacy**

In literacy this half term, we will be focusing on non-fiction writing related to our theme of the Stone Age to Iron Age period. The children will learn about the features of recount writing and will be writing commentaries and news reports to engage with this area of literacy. After the half term break, we will use our new theme to write an original fable which conveys a moral. Speaking and listening will take on a much larger role in our literacy lessons.

## **Maths**

In Maths, our learning focus will begin on place value. We will move on to mental and written skills for addition and subtraction before learning how to apply our skills to areas such as measurement and fractions. We will also concentrate on the skills involved in understanding time and measuring as well as our multiplication skills.

## **RE**

As a school we will be learning through our collective worship sessions and in class about the Christian value of Koinonia. In R.E, we will be learning about 'The Bible' its story telling and how it came into being. After half-term, we will learn about Jesus and his new commandments and the Christmas story.

## **PE**

In our PE sessions, we will be focusing on skills that can be applied to many physical games. We will learn a range of new games that require teamwork, as well as fundamental movement skills. For the first half term our focus will be on co-ordination, applying these skills to pair and team games. In the second half of term, we will swith to gym and dance activities with a focus on balance and co-ordination.

## **ICT/ Computing**

We will use ICT across the curriculum. As well as improving our typing skills, we will use digital cameras and the learnpads to take photographs and film each other. We will continue to develop the children's coding skills following on from their work in Year 2.

## **Theme**

Our theme this half term is 'Hard Rock and Heavy Metal.' The children will learn about the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. We will compare our lives now with how people lived then as well as using our geography skills to locate ancient settlements in England. Through our science lessons, we will learn about the crops that Iron Age people grew and how they used plants for a range of needs. Art and DT will also play a big part in our learning this term, as we explore the skills involved in living during this part of history. We will be developing our skills of observation, sketching and evaluating. Our theme after half term will be The Victorious Victorians. We will learn all about this fascinating era, including a special day when the children get to dress up and live like their counterparts from the past.

Our music will focus on following a rhythm, keeping time and responding to a piece of music. We will use percussion instruments to practice these skills. Later in the term, our music focus will turn to learning songs ready for our Carol Concert.

We are looking forward to this term and the exciting things yet to learn!

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs O'Donnell and Mr Burton

