

## Year 3 Class Newsletter Spring Term 2026

We have enjoyed seeing the children again after the Christmas break. There is a lot planned so the Spring Term is going to be busy! Mrs Gibb will be teaching Mondays – Wednesdays, and Mrs Karaca will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays.

### Responsibilities

We will be continuing to use our 'Good to be Green' behaviour chart. The children will be rewarded for staying on 'green' by earning bronze, silver and gold behaviour stars. The children can also be awarded stickers, certificates and house points.

### Reading

The children regularly complete quizzes based on the books they have read using our Accelerated Reading programme. We cannot stress enough how important it is that the children read at home to an adult. In Year 3, it is expected that children read **five times a week at home** and three of those times should be with an adult. You are more than welcome to read any home book, in addition to their school library book.

Children who read more have ideas and language that they can apply in their own writing. It also gives them a chance to become more aware of a range of punctuation, developing fluency and expression when reading aloud.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be given out every Friday and be expected back in school by the following Friday. This will always consist of: spellings, reading and a maths task - this may be set on MyMaths or as a worksheet. The children should also be practising regularly their times tables.

### Guided Reading

During guided reading lessons this term, the children will be reading 'Stone Age Boy' which links nicely with our history topic. After February half term, we will be reading 'The Hodgeheg' (real title!) by Dick King-Smith.

### English

Linking with guided reading, the children will use 'Stone Age Boy' and our history topic to inform their writing. After February half term, our focus will be 'The Snow Dragon', by Vivian French and 'The Tibicena'. Children will write their own recounts and adventure stories.

### Spellings

The children will learn throughout the year statutory Year 3 spellings and there will be a spelling test every Friday. It is imperative that spellings are practised every day at home.

### Science

This term the children will learn about animals (including humans), as well as forces and magnets. This exceptionally practical unit, will end in the children designing and creating their own magnetic games.

### Maths

The children will revisit their skills and develop existing ones in addition and subtraction (written method), multiplying and dividing, fractions and money. We will continue with our daily, afternoon, Maths workout sessions, which focuses on practising times tables, as well as consolidating their learning from their Maths lessons.

Every Thursday, the children will sit a multiplication challenge where they can earn medals and certificates.

### Topic

Year 3 will be going back in time to learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. This will be enhanced by a Stone Age Experience day in February by Memma, an experienced cave woman, who will guide the children through this period of time. There will be fires, tool-making, animal hides, fish eating and much more.

### PE

For the first half term, PE will be on a Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. Thursday will be dodgeball with the sports coach (outside) and Friday will be dance (inside).

### RE

This term the children will be exploring philosophy. They will be looking at what philosophy is, as well as thinking about how people make moral decisions.

### PSHE

Last term, the children had twice weekly lessons linking with our topic of friendship and respect, responsibilities. They are starting to develop an understanding of positive friendships and what respect is, looks and feels like. This work will continue into the Spring term.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to another fun filled term!

Mrs Gibb & Mrs Karaca

