



Year 3 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!

Dear Parents...

Welcome back to this new academic year! The children have settled in well to their new year group and have already produced lots of wonderful pieces of learning. The class teachers are Miss Golding in 3AG, Miss Morton in 3RM, Miss Adams in 3CA and Mr Fletcher in 3TF.

We enjoyed welcoming you into the classrooms during the meet the teacher session and we look forward to working closely with you and your children throughout the year. In this newsletter, you will find the details of what your child will be learning this half term. We will be exploring some exciting topics this half term and we are sure the children will share their learning with you at home.

TOPIC FOCUS:

Through our topic this term, the children will learn about life during the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. This period of history is before written record and the children will discover how historians have been able to explore and research these times using archaeology. Through studying the Neolithic settlement of Skara Brae, the children will find clues to infer information about Stone Age life. The children will deepen their understanding and knowledge of tools used during this period of time, entertainment, clothing and shelter by comparing Stone, Bronze and Iron Age life with their own lives today.

VALUES

Each half term, we will be focusing on a new value that aims to create a positive atmosphere around the school. This half term, our value is Responsibility.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please make sure that the medical and dietary information we have about your child is up to date. Any asthma pumps must be signed in at the school office.

IMPORTANT DATES

Parent's Evening

Wednesday 11th October &
Thursday 12th October

Individual photos

Monday 30th October (First day after half term)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please make sure your child has a book bag. Your child needs this if they are to take home their reading books and improve their reading. The book bags should be brought to school every day, even if they haven't finished their reading books.

Please support your child to remember to bring their PE kit to school every Monday and leave it in school until Friday. This half term we are lucky to have the Sportacus coaches leading the gymnastics lessons in our indoor PE sessions.

Please make sure your child's name is written on each item of clothing they bring to school, which helps us locate any missing items. Children should not bring in their own writing equipment or other items from home.

English

During the first two weeks of term, the whole school studied 'In Our Hands' by Lucy Farfort. We have used the text to think about our place in the community and how this is important to us.

Later this half term, the children will be studying the book 'Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age and His Search for Soft Trousers' by Raymond Briggs. The children will be using the text to compare life in the Stone Age to that of the 21st Century. They will use this book to develop knowledge and understanding of modern and Stone Age characters. They will then write a variety of text types inspired by this story.

Maths

In our Maths lessons, we will work on a broad range of skills, particularly focusing on place value, addition and subtraction. Using a wide variety of resources and real-world examples, the

children will apply their knowledge and skills in many different contexts. The children will also engage in maths investigations in order to develop their problem-solving skills.

By the end of year 3, your child should be fluent in the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. They should be able to quickly recall these times tables as well as related division facts.

See 'home learning' below for ways you can support your child to achieve this.

ONLINE SAFETY

Talk to your child about how the internet can be used to find information - you can use it to find out pretty much anything! Explain to your child that it can sometimes be dangerous and we need to make sure we know how to stay safe on the internet.

HOME LEARNING

Spellings will be given out weekly and tested each week. Please support your child by practising them often.

We encourage you to read with your child **for 10 minutes every day**. Please record the books your child reads in their reading champion book. There are lots of rewards for reading books at home so please do encourage your child to read as much as possible! You can also log onto Sora to access an online library of books to read at home.

Please ensure your children practise their number facts homework regularly each week. The children should become fluent and aim to answer each question in under 5 seconds! They can earn certificates for scoring over 50 in these weekly tests.

Help your child to log in to Times Tables Rock Stars at home to practise their times tables.

The children also have access to Numbots using their Times Table Rock Stars login details. This will aid their fluency in number facts such as number bonds. Contact your child's class teacher if you need login details.