

Year 3 - Week Commencing 29th January 2018

Maths

This week we will be continuing our focus on Time.

The children have demonstrated a gap in knowledge within this objective therefore we are spending another week on it.

To help at home, ask your child frequently what time it is, starting with 12 hour and building up to 24 hours. Check their understanding of morning, noon, afternoon and night. I was quite honest with the children in how I really struggled with time and did not fully understand it until Year 5. We have made a promise that we will all work hard to make sure we crack it in Year 3 ☺.

English

This week, we will be entering our gathering content phase. This will involve studying the plot of Stig of the Dump and extracting the main events so they can innovate their own. We have been focusing specifically on point and evidence when responding to comprehension questions. When listening to your child read, test their understanding by asking retrieval questions which will require them to retrieve evidence or quote from the text. This way, they are developing relevant and factual answers based on what they have read rather than generating answers on what they *think* the character felt or *why* something happened.

Theme

This half term our theme is 'Rock and Roll'. In Science, we shall be exploring the famous rock formation...Stonehenge! In Music our focus will be on rock and Roll, developing our diction, control of pitch and accompanying with percussion. In Geography, the children will continue their focus on the formation of volcanoes and the occurrence of earthquakes. In Art, we will be observing photographs of fossils and making detailed sketches using charcoal. In History, we shall be investigating what life was like after the Ice Age and meeting the Neanderthal.

Extras

- **Year 3 Staff** are: **Miss Lauren Johnston** (Teacher), **Mrs Amanda Tarn** (HLTA) & **Mrs Paulette Hylands** (TA - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings and Friday).
- **French** will be on **Fridays**. **PE** will be on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Long hair should be tied back and earrings/other jewellery should not be worn - **if earrings cannot be removed, please send plasters to school.**
- **Snack Time** - Just a reminder to send something for your child's snack each day if they are not purchasing anything from the hatch.
- My **PPA** time will be on **Thursday afternoon** this week. Mrs Tarn will be teaching the class.
- Homework diaries will be updated on **Fridays**, by the children, with their spellings and times tables for the week.
- Each week there are opportunities for the children to further their learning (e.g. Active Learn, TT Rockstars, worksheets etc.) - login details are stuck in on the inside of the children's homework diaries☺.
- We will be encouraging the children to share their learning and progress with someone at home therefore we kindly ask that a **parent/guardian signs each week's homework diary entry with their initials** - this is something we will be checking with the children in our efforts to encourage them to continue to make super progress and develop their understanding of the curriculum at home and in the community. Spellings/Times Tables check scores will be written in on **Fridays** so everyone can keep track on how they are doing ☺.