



Stanburn Primary School

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Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter— Autumn 2023



Dates for your diary:

Parents information session: Tuesday 12th September

3:25-3:55 or 4:00-4:30

Macmillian coffee morning: 29th September 08:45-09:30

National Poetry Day: 5th October 2023

World Mental Health Day: 10th October 2023

Hobgoblin theatre workshop: 20th October 2023

Black History month: October 2023

Half term: 23rd October 2023 at 3:15pm

Hello and welcome to Year 3! The Year 3 team are looking forward to getting to know you and your child/children in the Autumn term. We have lots of exciting new topics for the new year and you will find out more about them in our newsletters! We hope that you have a wonderful summer holiday and plenty of exciting and relaxing times!

The school target for attendance is 97%

Science

During the first half term, the children will be learning about rocks and soils. They will start by learning about different types of rocks and their properties and consider their uses. They will also learn about how fossils are formed and then move on to focusing on different types of soils.



History

During this term, Year 3 children will be learning about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. During the first half of the term, they will focus on the Stone Age. They will learn about stone age settlements as well as what they ate and how they lived at this time. Using what they have learnt, they will compare life in the stone age to modern day life.



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3Saffron—Miss McDonald

3Canary—Miss Roberts

3Daffodil—Miss Bertram

3Dijon— Mrs Nicholas

VIPERS

The children will read extracts from texts daily to develop their reading and comprehension skills. The VIPERS reading comprehension skills are: Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explain and Summarise.



Home Learning:

The children will receive weekly home learning in English, Maths and they will be given a set of spellings to learn. Spellings will be tested every Friday.

All homework is set on MS Teams on a Friday and this will be due in on the following Wednesday. There will be an additional maths task for children to complete online on My Maths every week.

The children are also expected to participate in at least 20 minutes of reading everyday and a comment needs to be written into the reading diary at least 3 times a week.



PE kit days:

We will inform you about PE days in September. On PE days, we will expect the children to come into school in the correct PE kit. The following link is where you can buy the correct PE kit.



<https://www.uniform4kids.com/collections/stanburn-primary-school>

Art

Linking in with our history for this term, the children will be learning about cave art. They will be given the opportunity to explore examples of cave art and discuss ideas around its meaning and style. They will further develop their drawing skills using pencils and charcoal and create their own pieces of cave art using pastels and paints.





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English

Our focus text this term is 'Stone Age Boy', by Satoshi Kitamura. The children will read the text and complete a range of different writing genres that are closely linked to the text: a diary entry, a food diary and a piece of descriptive writing. The children will also complete a range of SPAG related activities that are linked to the genre of writing.



Computing

Year 3 will be continuing to use Purple Mash to develop their computing skills and knowledge. The children will recap how we stay safe online and this will remain an essential part of our computing curriculum. Through Purple Mash, the children will be learning about coding where they will set different codes, enter commands and learn how to create effects.



PSHE

This half term, the initial focus in PSHE is settling into new classes. We look at rules and expectations for Year 3 and discuss why rules are important. We will also explore the idea of co-operation. The Jigsaw theme for this half term, 'Being Me in My World' reflects and supports these themes very well.



Mathematics

This half term in maths, the children will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction. The children will be learning about the importance of where digits are placed and how this gives numbers their value. They will also compare and order numbers to 1,000 and solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas. Pupils will learn to add and subtract numbers mentally using their knowledge of number bonds, doubles and near doubles. They will use the concrete, pictorial and abstract to learn to add and subtract 3 digit numbers together.



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Modern Foreign Language

The children will begin their French lessons this year! French will be taught in a fun, active way, with lots of speaking and listening games to help them to learn basic French vocabulary. Initially, they will be learning how to greet others, ask their names, introduce themselves and count in French.



PE

In indoor PE this half term the children will be completing a dance unit. The children will be listening to a piece of jazz music and following a range of steps to create a sequence.

In outdoor PE the children will be learning about tennis. The children will be taught racket skills and the rules along with performing a rally with their partner.



Music

The children will be developing their skills in listening to, performing and composing music. They will develop their ability to pitch their voices through singing a variety of songs linked to the topics Environment and Building. Year 3 will link parts of their music to the Stone Age period and sounds produced then. The children will learn about rhythm and begin to understand how different note lengths are represented using musical notation.



RE

As part of Harrow's RE curriculum, children will be learning about religious artefacts, with a particular focus on Judaism and Hinduism.