

## Spring Term: Year 3 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a very happy new year to you all. We have had a lovely start to the term and the children have settled well. They continue to work extremely hard and we have been so impressed with how well they have all started the new term.

This term we will be looking at a few periods of history:

The Stone Age

The Bronze Age

The Iron Age

The Romans

We will explore these times in terms of how Britain and other places changed during these periods and relate those changes to different aspects of modern day living. We will look at how changes happen over time and the sequence of events through this time in history. The children will use a range of sources to piece together how people lived in Britain during these times. They will explore what evidence is left that teaches us about prehistoric times as well as make links between these historical periods and the present.

In English, we will read two main focus texts, *The Iron man* by Ted Hughes and *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King. These will be the texts we read and respond to in our writing sessions throughout the Spring Term. We will read other texts to support our topic work and use information gained to write a range of non-fiction pieces.

In Maths, we begin with a unit on multiplication and division which involves applying the recall of facts in the 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 x tables. We also cover money, length and perimeter, mass and capacity and fractions later in the term.

In Science, we will focus on a unit involving rocks. We will group and classify rocks, study fossils and the significance of Mary Anning's work as well as looking at soils and permeability.

Steph's class are swimming this half term and Catherine/Sue's class will be swimming after half term. Year 3 swimming will finish at the end of the Spring term so they will not go swimming in the Summer term.

We have PE on Fridays. There is a second PE session on Thursdays for the class that is not swimming. Thank you to all of you who send your child in with their green T-shirt and suitable footwear. This half-term the children are doing gymnastics in the hall.

Please note that Steph's class assembly will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. We will upload the video of it to Google Classroom shortly after the performance day for you all to watch.

We look forward to the term ahead and please do not hesitate to speak to one of us if you have any concerns or want more information.

The Year 3 Team

