



Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter



Europe Class Year 3



Let our light shine! Welcome back!

I hope you had a lovely break and have enjoyed the mild weather. I am looking forward to another exciting half term of learning and the build up to the Christmas Holidays with you!

We have some amazing new learning to look forward to and a school trip!

As always please feel free to contact me via the school office if you have any questions or concerns about your child. I am always happy to help and support in any way that I can.

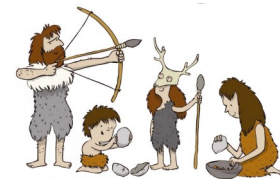


This half term's learning:

This half term our topic theme is Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age.

To start with we will be reading a book called "The pebble in my pocket" as well as continuing our class book "Stig of the Dump."

We will be linking our writing to our science first of by writing an explanation text.



English

We will be focusing on various different genres in writing through out the year but this half term we will focus mainly on:

Poetry, Non-fiction and finally Narrative. The children will begin by looking at the books The pebble in my pocket and The rock is lively. We will then look at some Winter poetry. Finally we will move into Narrative with a focus on portal stories reading extracts from The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

- Children will be able to clearly describe characters or settings, show evidence of an effective plot, use paragraphs to clearly show different elements of the required narrative.
- Vary sentence structure by using more than one clause and a range of conjunctions to extend sentences: e.g. and/but/or/for/so, secure use of subordinating conjunctions - when/if/because/although/before/since/while.
- Use a variety of sentence openers: express time, place and cause
- Use a variety of sentence openers: express time, place and cause using conjunctions, while, so, because, adverbs (e.g. today, next, soon, therefore), prepositions (during, in)
- Show simple cohesion within sentences using pronouns and proper nouns.
- Show consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing
- Use precise adjectives for description in noun phrases
- Use the present perfect form of verbs rather than simple past where appropriate to suit the genre of writing e.g. I have tried/I tried
- Use a or an correctly in front of a noun phrase
- Use the basic punctuation taught at KS1 mostly correctly: capital letters (for proper nouns and the pronoun I), full stops, question marks and exclamation marks, use commas to separate items in a list, use commas to demarcate adverbs at the beginning of sentences, use inverted commas to show omission or singular possession, use inverted commas to indicate possession



Spelling

- Spell many words with prefixes and suffixes correctly.
- Spell many of the Y3/4 Common exception words.
- Spell common homophones correctly
- Begin to spell Y3/4 homophones correctly.

Presentation

There will be a big push on presentation of work this year with children being able to earn and receive their pen licence for joined up and well presented work.

- I can use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters should be left un-joined
- At home encourage neatest handwriting when completing homework.



The children will receive weekly Spellings and will be tested on these every Friday

Math's

In maths we will be focusing Multiplication and Division. Children will learn to use arrays and number lines to support solving calculations from the 2's 4's 8's times tables.

We will use counting sticks to support us to learn the multiplications fluently.

Please continue to use TTRS at home as this will also support the learning of Times tables.



Science

We will be learning about rocks and soils. The children will learn to categorise rocks and understand how these rocks are formed. As well as learn their properties and uses. They will also carry out various scientific experiments and observations.

History

The focus topic this half term is Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age. The children will be able to plot these on a time line and learn all about life during that time comparing each one.

Art

We will be learning about stone age art by creating cave drawings and stone age pottery

Computing

We will be continuing our Purple Mash scheme of work and working on our touch typing skills and use of spreadsheets.



French

We will be starting our first unit of French which is very exciting! Our next unit is Mon Class!

Music

Music lessons will be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub and linked closely to our fairytale learning.

PE

We will be practicing our tag Rugby skills with Miss Greenland.

As the weather begins to turn in the Autumn term, we politely request that your child brings a pair of wellies to keep in school.

Please continue to bring your child's bookbag (containing their reading book and record), water bottle (with fresh water daily), a lunch box if required and a warm, waterproof coat every day.

Dates for your Diary

Our PE day will now be **Mondays and Wednesdays** please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit.

Forest schools will still be on **Friday**. With the weather beginning to turn ensure your child brings in their waterproofs on this day.

School Trip to Time and Tide – Tuesday 22nd November

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.
Thank you