

Year 3 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back Year 3!

We hope you have enjoyed your first week back at school and are looking forward to the year ahead as we both are.

We have been very pleased with the children's attitude and positivity to being back in school as well as their eagerness to learn. They all seem interested in our new enquiry on The Stone Age- hopefully they will be telling you all about what we have been learning!

Our enquiry question this term:

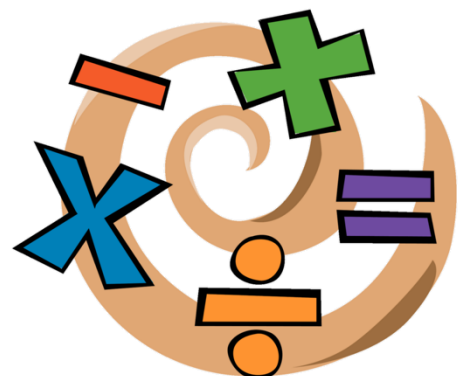
How have we evolved?



This term, all our learning will be based around our enquiry question. In History, we will be learning about the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and how life changed throughout these periods. We will be comparing the life of a person in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages to how we live now and how our lives would be different if we lived in the Stone Age. In Science, we will be learning about how soil and rocks are formed, as well as learning about the different types of rocks and their properties. In the second half of the autumn term, we will be learning about animals and humans, their skeletons and muscles and the types of nutrition they need. We will be looking at and learning about cave paintings and creating our own, as well as creating our own models of Stonehenge.

We will be reading a range of different fiction and non-fiction Stone Age themed books, and be writing diary entries, non-chronological reports and narratives using our enquiry as inspiration.

In Maths, we will be working hard on understanding and using place value, then we will be moving onto addition and subtraction before working on multiplication and division. We are going to focus on our times tables, making sure we are secure on our 2s, 3s and 5s before moving on to our 4s and 8s - don't forget to keep practising these!



Our PE lessons are going to be taught on a Wednesday afternoon. **Please make sure your child arrives at school on a Wednesday wearing their PE kit.**

Reading

This term we will be reading several books that link to our enquiry, some of these will be: *Stone Age Boy*, *The Secrets of Stonehenge*, *The First Drawing* and *'UG'*.



The children will also have time each day to read independently in class.

Reading Journals

Please ensure you are reading with your child at home at least three times a week if possible, regular reading will improve your child's reading skills. Recording when they have read at home in their reading journals means that we can count the reads towards our school reading badges.

* Mrs Newton will be the Class Teacher every morning and on Thursday & Friday afternoons.

* On Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons, Mrs Hayes will be the Class Teacher.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child this year at Stanstead! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns through Class Dojo or in your child's reading journal.

Mrs Newton & Mrs Hayes