



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope you are ready for the Autumn Term after a lovely Summer break. Our new topic is Britain's Beginnings and we are looking forward to learning about the developments and changes from Stone Age to the Iron Age.

As always, we appreciate all of the support you provide at home and look forward to working with you to help your children progress further with their learning.

The Year 3 Team

Phase Leader: Mr N Bate

Class 3P: Mr L Pardoe

Class 3MA: Mrs H Millar and Miss C Attwood

Other team members: Miss R Mills and Mrs Akhtar

English

Our class reading books will be selected by the children in September from a selection of high quality, age-appropriate texts. We will be focusing on a variety of other texts in reading lessons to develop comprehension skills. In writing lessons, we will be studying a variety of genres including narrative, non-fiction (holiday brochures and explanation texts). Throughout all lessons and subjects we will be developing our oracy skills, through paired and group discussion whilst increasing our use of vocabulary and grammatically accurate sentences. We will continue to encourage the use of Nelson Handwriting Style and look forward to awarding more handwriting pens. We would appreciate your support at home by encouraging your child to read daily – either home readers or texts of their choice – and record this in their home school planner.

Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on Place Value, Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication. Please encourage your children to read and tell the time at home at every opportunity using an analogue clock (a clock with hands) to the nearest minute, compare it to digital times in the 12 hour (am/pm) and 24-hour clocks.

Homework

Daily reading is expected. Your children will have a book to practice their reading skills. We also recommend reading stories to your child for pleasure. This will help develop your child's story voice when hearing adults read. We have a list of recommended reads on our website in '**Our Learning > Year Group Page > Reading**'. Books can be borrowed from the local library free of charge. Children can access Century, TTRS, Numbots and Accelerated Reader online to support with their learning. Some homework may be set on Google Classroom (children will be made aware of this and tasks will be written in their planners).

Science

During this term, we will be learning about Rocks. We will be learning about the different types of rocks and how they are formed. Children will have to opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills, such as testing which type of rock would be best suited for a specific purpose.

PE

On PE days, please make sure your child comes to school in the correct Woodside PE kit that follows our uniform policy. Children will have lessons both indoors and outdoors. Please remove all jewellery on these days.

Computing

Throughout the year we teach online safety. This term, children will be learning Coding. Children have access to Purple Mash at home via RMUnify.

Topic

This term, our topic is Britain's Beginnings. In History, we will be studying the Stone Age and what life was like in this time period, along with the legacy this time period left. In Design Technology, we will be focusing on creating a product for a specific purpose (protection). In music, we will be developing notations skills and learning to play the recorder. In RE, we be studying Islam. In PSHE, we will be learning about Relationships – Families and Friendship, Safe Relationships and Respecting Ourselves and Others

For further details of our curriculum content, please visit the school website 'Our Learning' section

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Learning&pid=57>

Family Project

Britain's Beginnings

To create a model of a Stone Age shelter

Have a great time over the Summer break with your family creating a project about our new topic Britain's Beginnings.

We would love to see your creations which show what a Stone Age shelter could have looked like!

You will need to include:

- A list of materials (think about what the people of the Stone Age would have used)
- A step by step plan of how you created your model

It will be your choice how you wish to present your information. Be as creative as you like!

Ideas of how to present your project could be:

- a labelled diagram,
- a 3D model with captions,
- labelled photographs of you with a real shelter that you have built (if you've visited a forest like Wyre Forest).



SUMMER WEEKLY CHALLENGES

Enjoy completing these challenges throughout summer break to help you retain your knowledge in preparation for your new school year.

w/c 31.7.23	TTRS Battle Boys versus Girls (28 th July – 11 th August). Let's see who gains the highest score and who will win the battle – boys or girls? Get ready for year 3 by practicing your 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Challenge yourself with the 6s
7.8.23	TTRS Battle Boys versus Girls (28 th July – 11 th August). Let's see who gains the highest score and who will win the battle – boys or girls?
14.8.23	Reading challenge – Look at the books on the Recommended Reads list. Try reading some of these books and discuss your opinions of the books with your adult. As an extra challenge, you could complete a written book review.
21.8.23	Time challenge – Have a look at the time throughout the day. What time do you eat breakfast, eat lunch, eat dinner, go to bed? Practise reading the time on analogue clocks to the nearest five minutes. As an extra challenge, you could write a diary of different times over the week and what you did at those times.
28.8.23	Writing challenge – What fabulous things have you done over the Summer? Explain one thing you did. You could also add photos to show your class teachers!



Click on the images above to take you to the Summer Reading Challenge and Recommended Books for Years 2 and 3.

Please sign up to this year's National Summer Reading Challenge. There are lots of books freely available at local libraries and online to share with your child or for your child to read to you. They may choose to read independently too. How many books will you share and read during the six weeks holiday?

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#library>

We have 50 recommended reads that have been chosen for your child's age. Some of these stories have been uploaded as videos for you to share with your child. What will be your child's favourite book be this summer? We can't wait to find out!

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Reading+and+Phonics&pid=88>