



## Year 3 – Autumn 2023

Welcome to Year 3! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely, relaxing summer holiday and are now all refreshed and ready for another year of learning. The class are already settling well and sharing their excitement for the topics they know are coming up.

Our topic this first half term is the Stone Age to the Iron Age where we will be learning all about prehistory and what life was like. We will look at artefacts with our archaeology skills and investigate how life changed for those living in that time period.

After half term, we will be honing our atlas skills while we learn about the countries of the world. We will recap our understanding of the continents before locating the countries, identifying geographical features and their capital cities.

In Science, we will be starting the term learning about forces and magnetism, which will entail lots of investigations and observations into how forces behave in everyday situations. The second half term will be focused on rocks & fossils which follows on nicely from the learning we will have done in our Stone Age topic.

### Weekly timetable

#### Monday:

- Homework given (spelling words/times tables/optional)

#### Tuesday:

- PE (wear kit to school)

#### Thursday:

- PE (wear kit to school)
- Spelling and tables tests

#### Friday:

- Homework books checked

Reading logs will be checked on a Monday and Diddi-Dots awarded for their bookmarks. If your child needs to change their book we will endeavour to allow time each day but this is not always possible.

In English and maths we will be covering the National Curriculum objectives.

#### English:

We will be looking at narrative with a focus on fables. We will use Aesop's fables and compare how different authors write each fable. We will then move onto explanation texts, poetry, newspapers and instructions.

#### Maths:

In Maths, we will cover a range of topics including: rounding, estimating, place value, calculations, fractions and percentages

### Other:

**PE:** This term PE will be taught on a Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesday this term, PE will be indoors as we are covering Yoga and then Gymnastics. On Thursday we will be doing our outdoor lesson so please ensure children are wearing trainers and it might be worth them having a spare pair of socks.

**Computing:** As well as on-going e-safety, we will be learning about computing networks and systems.

**Music:** The children will be completing a catch up unit as we have moved onto a new music scheme this year, and before beginning the Year 3 skills, we have to have ensured coverage of the previous learning mapped out in Kapow Music.

**RE:** This term we will be looking at Christianity and Islam.

**PSHE:** This will be covered in a range of different areas, including: assemblies, discussions in class and PSHE lessons. This term we will be looking at 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.