



Curriculum News

Year 3: Autumn 1

English

Reading & Writing

This term, we will be reading the classic story *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King, exploring its characters, themes, and settings. Alongside this, we'll study a selection of **non-fiction texts** linked to our history topic, *The Stone Age*, to build knowledge and strengthen comprehension skills.

In **writing**, we will use our reading to inspire our work. The children will focus on writing detailed **character descriptions** based on the story and creating a **recount** inspired by significant figures from the Stone Age. This will help them develop their use of descriptive language, sequencing skills, and understanding of historical contexts.

We encourage you to discuss the texts with your child at home to support their learning and foster a love of reading and writing.

Maths

This term in Year 3, we are focusing on **place value**, helping the children understand the value of each digit and work confidently with numbers up to 1,000. We will also develop their skills in **addition and subtraction**, introducing different strategies to solve problems accurately. Later in the term, we'll explore **geometry**, looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and building spatial awareness. Practising number bonds and times tables at home will really support their learning.



Curriculum Overview

Was Prehistoric Britain a Peaceful Place?

This half term, our topic is Prehistoric Britain, where we will explore life during the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age. The children will learn about the work of archaeologists and how artefacts such as tools, decorative objects, and weapons help us understand what life was like thousands of years ago. We'll also be looking at farming, weaponry, and the role of tribes during this time. To bring everything together, the children will compare life in prehistoric Britain to how we live today.

In Art, we will focus on drawing techniques, creating detailed sketches and beautiful silhouette paintings of Stonehenge from different angles and perspectives. In PSHE, our theme is *Being Me in My World*, helping children explore their identity and place within the community. In Science, we will study rocks and soils, learning how they are formed and their different properties. In Computing, we will be discovering how computers connect and communicate with each other.





TT Rockstars: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school>

Year 3 children are set battles weekly and a champion is awarded at the end of the week!

Corbettmaths Primary: <https://corbettmathsprimary.com/>

Videos for each maths topic, quizzes and '5-a-day' which is like Masters of Arithmetic.

Oxford Owl: www.oxfordowl.co.uk

The Oxford Owl eBook Library contains a wide selection of books from across Oxford's most popular series

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Once Upon a Picture <https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/>

The wonderful world of photographs and illustrations. Once Upon a Picture has a collection of images to inspire children with their writing and each image has reading skills questions for them to practise at home.

Bitesize KS2 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> Learning at home? Bitesize is the one! Lessons full of videos, quizzes and practice activities to help you with home learning.

Reading Comprehension https://www.youtube.com/@OurTeacher_MrsAbid-rp6zp

Listen to some amazing stories and see if you can answer questions about it to improve your reading and listening skills.

DK Find Out <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/> What's DK find out! all about? A safe place online for you to see, learn, and explore almost everything.

Reminders

PE Days – Monday and Wednesday

Spellings - Children will focus on ten words a week, which can be accessed through Spelling Shed.

Reading – Year 3 visit the library every week and select a new book. They should be bringing the chosen book home every night to read. Their reading records contain questions that someone at home can ask them after they have read a small section.

Timetables - By the end of Year 3, all children should know their 2, 3, 4-, 5-, 8- & 10-times tables, including division facts. Each week a new challenge is set on TT Rockstars. Please ensure your child practises for 10 minutes each day.

