



# TERM 1

## SEPTEMBER 2024

A **huge** welcome to Year 3 and to Key Stage 2! We are really looking forward to a fantastic and productive year.

There are many similarities and differences between Year 2 and Year 3; some of these have already been discussed with the children. Please look at the Social Story we sent out in July. The biggest change is the pace and content of the work. We also aim to further develop the children's independence and personal responsibility.

### English

This term, we will be exploring the text 'Stone Age boy' by Satoshi Kitamura, and using it to explore our descriptive writing and narrative skills, along with the importance of story mapping. We will also be beginning to explore a range of poetry.

### Maths

In our maths work this term, we will be focusing on our skills with place value, addition and subtraction. We will also be practising our 2,3,5,10 times tables. If you need a login for your child's Times Table Rock Stars site, please let their teacher know.

### Topic

Our topic this term is all about early human history and the Stone Age. We will be exploring all about life in the Stone Age, how people lived, hunted, and created artwork. In science our topic will be Light and Dark, exploring light sources and how shadow are formed.



**Contact Books:** The contact books are very important and are used to aid communication between school and home. Please sign the contact book each evening and return to class on a daily basis where the contents will be checked. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any information, concerns or questions.

**Water and fruit:** We recommend that the children have access to drinking water during the school day and the use of water bottles is most practical in class. Please ensure any water bottles are clearly named. The children can also bring in **their own** healthy snack to eat during morning break e.g. a piece of fruit or carrot sticks.

**Reading:** We ask for the reading books to be brought into school on a daily basis with the reading record book signed and dated to show that your child has read to or with an adult at home every evening (if possible). The book will be changed on a **Monday**. It is beneficial for your children to enjoy the book with you and to engage in discussions about the characters and content of the book etc. Therefore, it is not a necessity that your child completes a whole book per night, but a few pages with lots of discussion. This term we are focussing on prediction and inference in our daily reading sessions.



### PE:

This term we will be enjoying lessons incorporating Tennis and Multi skills. PE lessons are scheduled for **Wednesday** (Indoor) and **Thursday** (Outdoor) for both classes.

Please be reminded that all children are expected to take part in PE lessons and should wear the appropriate kit in school. Including dark jogging bottoms/leggings or shorts and a white T-shirt. Children's earrings should be removed at home if they cannot do so themselves.

### Future Events:

**Term 1**—Welcome Evenings

**Term 2**—Christmas

**Term 3**—Making Volcanos

**Term 4**—Bread making

**Term 5**—Roman Day including dressing up as a Roman and food tasting

**Term 6**—Trip to Brogdale Farm



### Homework

Homework will be handed out to children on a **Friday**. Please could it be returned by the following **Wednesday**, so that we have time to view their work and hand out the next pieces.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments at all please do not hesitate to let us know through the homework diaries or by making an appointment through the office.

Thank you from the Year 3 team.

Miss Collings, Mr Hare, Mrs Newberry and Mrs Tyler