



TERM 2

Welcome back, we hope you had a relaxing half term!

This term has already been busy and will be getting busier as we move towards Christmas. The children will be performing in a Carol service in the school hall, rather than a Nativity production this year. This will be recorded for parents to watch at home.

English

This term we will be looking at two different texts Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura and Welcome Home by Michael Rosen. We will be learning how to punctuate direct speech and also what fronted adverbials are and how to use them.



Maths

In our maths work this term, we will be introducing the children to column addition and subtraction and we will be revisiting multiplication and division. We will be encouraging the children to practise their 2,3,4,5,10 times tables and they will be learning their 8s. Please remember to encourage your children to practise their times tables using TTRS website [Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](http://Times Tables Rock Stars (trockstars.com)) and [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](http://Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds (topmarks.co.uk))



Theme

Our theme this term to look at 'How did daily life change from the stone age to the iron age?' We will look at the food people ate, the tools they used and the homes they lived in. We will be creating Christmas crafts later in the term and focussing on speaking out about friendship issues saying kind things, and using kind actions to make a difference in Friendship Week.



Cold weather:

As the weather gets colder children are encouraged to bring in coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Please ensure these are **clearly named** so they do not get lost. Children will be encouraged to keep them in their locker.

Junk modelling request:

Please can we ask your children to bring in a toilet roll/kitchen roll (inner tube) to use as part of one of our Christmas decorations starting from **week 3**. We will be completing different arts and crafts this term, if you want to send in an apron for your child to wear, they can keep it in their locker. Please make sure their name is on the apron.

Reading:

This term we will be transitioning more of the children across to our school Accelerated Reader scheme. A comprehensive screening test generates each child an individual ZPD range and they will then be able to choose books within this range. The children will have more ownership to choose their own book from the library, which they will need to bring in everyday, to share with an adult. Once they have finished their book, they will complete a short comprehension test as part of the reading program Accelerated Reader before then being able to choose another book. Throughout the year the children will undertake further ZPD assessments to make sure that their ZPD range increases accordingly alongside their progress. This program really focusses on comprehension as well as inference, accuracy and fluency and teachers will be monitoring performance in these areas. Please continue to sign your child's reading record to show that your child has read to or with an adult at home every evening (if possible). 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; a few pages with lots of discussion is much more effective. We will continue to develop the children's reading skills every day in our whole class reading lessons.



PE:

This term we will be enjoying lessons incorporating Football and Dodgeball. PE lessons are scheduled for **Monday** and **Wednesday** for both classes. Monday will be outdoors with a specialised football coach. weather permitting, and Wednesday will be Dodgeball indoors.

Please remember that all children are expected to take part in PE lessons and should wear the appropriate kit into school. on these days. This includes white t-shirt, either dark shorts or jogging bottoms, and trainers. Please include a jumper for your child to wear. Please remember to tie long hair back and earrings should be removed at home if they cannot do so themselves.

Future Events:

Term 2—Cave Painting, football coach, Firework display, Christmas Carol concert and Christmas Fayre

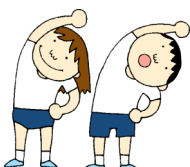
Term 3—making bags—sewing afternoon with parents

Term 4—Egyptian day/ world book day

Term 5—river trip

Term 6—Trip to Brogdale Farm

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



Thank you from the Year 3 team.

Miss Collings, Mrs Papandrea, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Wilde.