

Welcome to Year 3!

Dear Parents/Carers,

The new school year has already got off to a brilliant start and we have been very pleased with the way the children have quickly settled into their new class, have come to school smartly and have been punctual - thank you!

Our topic this half term is "Rolling Stones!" We will be researching life in the Stone Age through to the Iron Age and will be exploring areas such as how people lived and what tools they used. We will also be linking our creative subjects such as art and drama activities to this topic

Numeracy lessons will focus on reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 1000, adding and subtracting two-digit and three-digit numbers and multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10. Please help your child to practice these times tables at home.

In **Science** we will become "rock detectives". We will be comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. We will describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and we will recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

In **Literacy** our fiction lessons will focus on reading and writing play scripts. Our non-fiction lessons will focus on writing a set of instructions. There will be a big push on handwriting this term.

Reading Books - Please ensure that your child comes to school with their reading book every day. We would like your child to read at least some of their book each night and get it signed.

Spellings - Spelling lists will be sent home on Mondays. Please help your child to practice these ready for the test on Fridays.

Homework - In addition to reading books and spellings, children will continue to have their topic project homework and will be also be given maths homework every Friday to be handed in the following Friday.

PE lessons will be carried out twice a week, on **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please make sure your child has his/her kit in school, labelled with their name, and that earrings and watches have been removed.

We hope you find this newsletter helpful. If you have any queries or concerns do not hesitate to ask.

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