



Year 3 - Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Hello, and Welcome to Year 3!

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer break! We're really looking forward to working with you, and your children, over the course of this academic year!



Miss Meakin (Year 3 Teacher)

Meet the Year 3 Team!



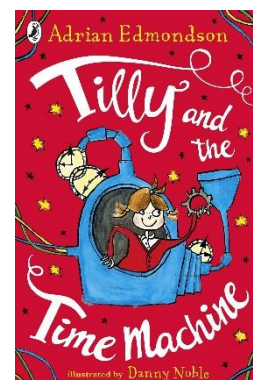
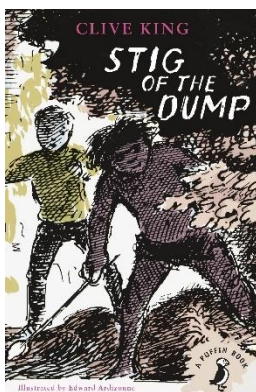
Mrs Brownlie (Year 3 Teaching Assistant)

This newsletter will give you an overview of what we will be covering in Year 3 during the autumn term. It also contains information about P.E. days, our expectations for reading and spelling, and useful links for extending children's learning at home.

English

Up until October half term, our reading and writing lessons will be based upon *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King. This timeless, literary classic focuses on the wonderful friendship that develops between a caveman called Stig, and an imaginative, young boy called Barney. During the second part of this term, we will be doing lots of work based on *Tilly and the Time Machine* by Adrian Edmondson. This delightful story follows seven-and-a-half-year-old Tilly as she embarks upon an incredibly exciting mission to find her dad, who gets stuck in the past! As she tries her best to locate him, Tilly plays football in the 1966 World Cup Final, sails with Admiral Nelson, and even has afternoon tea with Queen Victoria!

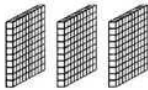
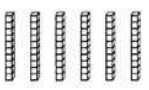
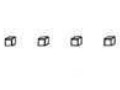
In addition to this, we will have regular handwriting sessions, in which we will initially revise basic letter formation, before developing our abilities to join our letters together fluently and legibly. **Every Friday, children will bring home a set of spellings to learn for a test the following Friday.** We have a daily DEAR Time (Drop Everything and Read) session, and we aim to listen to every child read **once a week** in school. It is important that children in Year 3 **read at least three times a week at home**, so that they can develop their reading fluency and comprehension skills. If children read at home, and their reading is recorded on 'GoRead', they will be rewarded with special gems online!



Maths

Throughout Long Knowle Primary School, we use the PowerMaths scheme, which is designed to spark curiosity and excitement, and nurture children's confidence in their own mathematical abilities. For our first PowerMaths unit, we will be focusing on place value, on developing our understanding of three-digit numbers. We will then develop our addition and subtraction skills. Times Tables are very important in Year 3 too! We will practise our times tables every day, we will work through our school's club sheets to earn certificates, and we will have weekly girls vs. boys battles on Times Tables Rock Stars!



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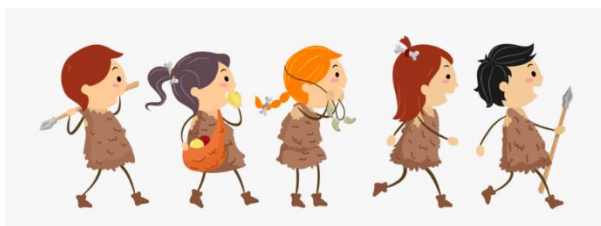
Science

Our first science topic is 'Rocks, Soils and Fossils!' We will learn about the different layers of the Earth, find out about igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks, develop an understanding of how fossils are formed, think about how soil is made, and develop an understanding, and an appreciation of, the work of Zhang Heng. After half term, we will step into the exciting world of 'Forces and Magnets.' We will think about pushes and pulls, we will compare how things move on different surfaces, we will learn about magnetic poles, we will identify magnetic and non-magnetic materials, we will assess the strength of different magnets, and we will develop an understanding of how magnets are used in everyday life!



History and Geography

Our first, exciting, history topic is 'From the Stone Age to the Iron Age!' We will be travelling back in time to Prehistoric Britain, where we will meet hunter-gatherers, be amazed by Stonehenge, find out how bronze was originally made, and jump into an Iron Age hillfort! After half term, we will do our geography topic: 'The United Kingdom!' We will be locating countries, counties, and cities on maps of the UK, we will be using ordnance survey maps to think about our local area, and we will be comparing urban Wolverhampton to the rural Cotswolds!





Computing

During the autumn term, we will be developing our coding skills, we will be thinking about what we need to do to stay safe online, and we will be creating our own spreadsheets.

Religious Education

In our first block of R.E. lessons, we will be expressing our own ideas about God, we will be describing God's characteristics, we will be thinking about why Christians see God as love and as a creator, we will be developing an understanding of the Holy Trinity, we will be writing our own prayers, and we will be thinking about what we can do to be kind, caring and loving individuals. After October half term, we will be deepening our understanding of The Nativity Story, which is very important to Christians.



Art and DT

Linked to our 'From the Stone Age to the Iron Age' topic, we will begin this academic year by creating pieces of work inspired by prehistoric cave paintings. After half term, we will be making our own teddy bears using our super, sewing skills!

Latin

Along with the rest of the children in Key Stage Two, we will begin to learn Latin this year! During the autumn term, and following the Maximum Classics scheme of work, we will be finding out all about the origins of language! How exciting! Carpe diem!



PSHE

PSHE is very important for developing children's confidence and self-esteem, for instilling resilience, and for encouraging a positive attitude to learning. During the autumn term, we will be working through two, important units: 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference.'



Music

During our music lessons this term, we will be thinking about an inspirational song called 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. Each of us will also have a go at playing the glockenspiel!



PE

We will have P.E. on Thursdays and Fridays this term. Each child should come to school wearing their P.E. kit.



Useful websites to extend children's learning at home: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

