



Our Year 3 Classroom News

Spring Term Information

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Welcome

We hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break as we look forward to another busy and exciting term. Next term is going to be action packed as we launch into our new topic, 'Civilisations Long Ago', dressed up as Neolithic Hunters on Wednesday 8th January.

If you have any spare shoeboxes that you do not need, please could you donate them to Year 3 for our launch day activities.

Our Topic

Throughout the topic, we will look at different time periods prior to written history; Ice Age, Stone Age, Bronze Age & Iron Age. We will be working out dates of different time periods and look at how the Earth changed during this period, and linking it to SDG's, how climate change is impacting on the Earth today. We will look at how people lived and survived in the Stone Age, making comparisons with civilisations from the Iron and Bronze Age, and investigate what people ate and how they gathered their food. This will include tasting samples of food and making our own hunting tools! This will be embedded in our PE lessons where we will be working on fitness to become good hunters.

Launch Day will take place on Wednesday 8th January. We encourage children to dress up as a Neolithic person from the Stone Age time. On this day, children will be food tasting raw fruits and vegetables just like real cavemen!

In English, we will be writing to entertain and to inform over the course of the term. We will begin by reading 'Stone Age Boy', writing a setting description of a Stone Age cave, then we will be focus on a historical narrative about characters travelling back in time.

In Maths, we will be learning both mental strategies and formal written methods for multiplication and division. Then we will focus on money, perimeter, statistics and fractions.

In Science, we will firstly be learning about soils, rocks and fossils. We will be investigating the properties of rocks and how fossils are formed overtime. Then we will be looking at 'Animals including Humans'. This includes how to keep ourselves healthy by investigating which foods are nutritious and learning about the human body.

Things to Remember

PE and Swimming:

Year 3 PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children will need their outdoor kit on a Tuesday and they will need indoor PE kit on a Thursday. Please send your child to school dressed in their outdoor PE kit on Tuesdays.

The table below shows which term each class has their swimming lessons.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons	
Victoria	Thursday AM – Spring term
Canary Wharf	Thursday AM – Summer term

Homework:

- **Reading Journals** – You must read regularly and also complete one reading journal entry per week.
- **Times Tables** - Every other week the children will practise their times tables and complete a times table page in their books.
- **Spellings** - Every other week the children will complete a spelling activity in their reading journal and will need to learn six new spellings.

Important Dates

6 th Jan	Children back to school
8 th Jan	Launch Day – Dress Up
17 th & 31 st Jan	8:40 – 9:00 Parent Open Mornings
14 th Feb 6 th & 20 th March	
12 th and 13 th Feb	Parent Consultation Evenings
14 th Feb	Break up for half term
24 th Feb	Back to school
5 th March	World Book Day – Dress Up
12 th March	Canary Wharf Class Assembly
3rd April	Break up for Easter
7 th May	Charing Cross Class Assembly