



Year 3 Curriculum Leaflet

Autumn 1

Stone Age



Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are excited to start learning in Year 3.

English

Aim: To use adverbials and noun phrases in complete sentences.

Writing: In our learning we will be exploring the book 'Stone Age Boy' and will be writing a diary entry based on his experiences during the Stone Age. The children will be writing in the first person and in the past tense. They will be working on noun phrases, adverbials and prepositions. They will then retell the story from an alternative perspective.

You can help at home by asking your child to retell stories that they have read, using noun phrases eg. the sly, old wolf and adverbs eg. sneakily, happily.

Reading

Aim: To read fluently with complete understanding of the text.

Reading: In our reading sessions we will be enjoying a story together each morning and developing our reading skills through careful analysis of the text.

You can help at home by listening to your child read every day and asking them to summarise what they have read.

Maths

Aim: To understand place value of 3-digit numbers

Pupils will deepen their understanding of place value and +/- numbers using mental methods, estimating answers to calculations. They will practise x tables by heart and be tested weekly. Children will begin to add and subtract 2 and 3 - digit numbers, using more formal strategies. They will also be developing reasoning in number and their ability to articulate their understanding.

You can help at home by counting up and down crossing the hundreds eg. 76,86,96,106,116 or 123,113,103,93,83.

Science: Rocks and Soils

Aim: To know what soil is made from and to understand its value

Children will learn to recognise that there are different kinds of rocks, with different appearances and physical properties. They will develop an understanding of how fossils were formed from the remains of living things and became preserved in rocks. They will also investigate what soil is made from and how soils differ according to the bedrock from which they are composed.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to research rocks and fossils and to observe what they find in the soil in their garden.

History

Aim: To find out how people lived in the past

For this topic, the children will learn about Stone Age to Iron Age Britain. They will identify and evaluate artefacts and other sources of information, which they will use to reach and support conclusions. They will learn how Stone Age man evolved with the discovery of bronze and iron and the impact of this on his lifestyle.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to research the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. You could visit the Museum of the Stone Age in Andover and Winchester.

Art and Design

Aim: To explore and experiment with early art styles

In Art, the children will explore the cave paintings at Lascaux, France. Using charcoal and natural tools, they will sketch in the style of Stone Age Man. Later, they will study the Celtic knot patterns used in Iron Age Britain and design their own following the structure.

You can help at home by researching cave art around the world or watch the virtual tour of Lascaux at: <https://archeologie.culture.gouv.fr/lascaux/en>

Design Technology

Aim: To design and make a pair of shorts with a fastening

The children will design a simple functional item of clothing for a fictional character 'Ugg', using textiles and needlework skills.

You can help at home by supervising your child threading a needle and sewing using running stitch and back stitch.

R.E

Aim: To understand some Christian and Hindu rites of passage

The children will learn about Hindu Rites of Passage. They will be enquiring about the meaning of the word 'ritual' and how ritual is used in Hinduism.

You can help your child by researching Hindu rituals.

P.S.H.E

Aim: To develop life skills

With the help of Jino Jigsaw we will be exploring how to show love to others and ourselves thinking about 'being me in my world'.

You can help at home by putting time aside to talk to your child about how we can show others and ourselves love.

PE

Aim: To improve fitness levels

P.E: Gymnastics - Stretching, curling, arching

Games: R and R: Hockey. Children will explore a range of body movements and skills that are beneficial to the invasion game of hockey. They will develop skills in passing, dribbling and shooting. Our indoor unit is Gymnastics and we will be working on a range of balances and holds.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to be active every week eg. walking, cycling, swimming etc.

MFL: French

Aim: to learn to converse in another language

To introduce the children to some basic French vocabulary, we will study: J'apprends le français (I am learning French.)

You can help at home by helping your child use <https://www.duolingo.com/enroll/fr/en/Learn-French> a free site.

Music

Aim: to explore texture and timbre

This term the children will use Stonehenge as a stimulus to explore the musical elements of texture and timbre. They will learn to sing songs about the stone age and compose their own group pieces using what they have learnt.

Computing

Children will develop their understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. They will also compare digital and non-digital devices. Next, learners will be introduced to computer networks, including devices that make up a network's infrastructure, such as wireless access points and switches. Finally, learners will discover the benefits of connecting devices in a network. You can help at home by reminding your children how to stay safe on digital devices.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the coming year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher via the year 3 and 4 email - year3and4@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

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