



YEAR 3 & 4 newsletter

AUTUMN 2023

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set on a **Friday** to be returned on **Wednesday** of the following week. This will include a paper copy of their spellings to learn from **EdShed** and a handwriting sheet. Maths work will be set via **MyMaths**. It is important that the children log on to their accounts to access this home learning. Children should also practise on **TT RockStars** to help their fluency ready for the Year 4 times tables test.

Log-ins can be found in your child's journal.

READING

Reading books will be changed once a week. **Your child will receive two paper books from school. We are no longer setting books on BugClub.** Please sign your child's journal daily, so that we know that your child has read to you. We recommend that the children read **every night for 15 minutes**. We cannot stress enough how much your child will benefit if they read daily. They will reap the rewards!

REMINDERS

Please make sure all uniform is clearly labelled so your child can find anything they misplace. Spelling and Times Tables tests will take place weekly **on a Friday**. PE will take place on a **Tuesday until half term**. Please ensure your child is in full school PE kit and it is labelled clearly. Water bottles need to go home each evening and returned the following morning. Please ensure they are clearly labelled. **Only water is allowed.**

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MEET THE TEAM

Year 3: Miss Kerr

Year 3/4: Mrs. O'Donnell

Year 4: Miss McGrath

Support staff: Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Collier, Miss McCloskey and Mrs. Scott.

We are always available to speak to after school or you can leave us a message in your child's journal, which is checked daily!



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THIS TERM, WE ARE LEARNING...

English: Much of our work will be based around **The Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura** and **The Iron Giant by Ted Hughes**. We will use the books to explore the features of a recount, write character and setting descriptions, instructional texts, newspaper reports and letter writing. We will also take part in performance poetry.

Maths: We will be learning about **place value** and developing our knowledge of the four operations; **multiplication, division, addition and subtraction**.

History and Geography: Our **History-focused** topic is the **Stone Age**. We will understand the chronology of this fascinating time; learning about the food, religion, homes, technology and art and how each of these areas developed and changed over time. Our **Geography-based** topic this term is **Weather and Climate**. We will learn about extreme weather, its causes and effects and begin to understand the impact of human activity on the weather and climate..

Science: Our topics are **Forces** and **Electricity**. We will compare how things move on different surfaces, how a simple pulley works and use making lifting an object simpler. We will explore how some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance and observe how magnets attract and repel each other. We will also begin to identify items that run on electricity and learn how to construct a simple series circuits We will learn about electrical safety and identify some conductors and insulators.

Religion: We will follow the Come and See scheme and our topics this term will be **Homes, Promises** and **Visitors**. Year 3 will also be working towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Details of the first Parent's meeting will be provided in a separate letter.*