



YEAR 3

Autumn Term Newsletter 2021

A New School Year

Welcome to Y3 with Miss Rooney, Ms West, Ms Morgan, Mrs Ferdouse, Mrs Demetriou, Ms Scrivener and Mr Jenkins.

We hope the Y3 children and parents/carers have enjoyed their first month at Stillness Junior School. The children have settled into their new classes well and are already producing amazing work in all their lessons.

If you have any queries or concerns you can contact the Y3 team directly on the following email address: y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

We are looking forward to another wonderful year!
From the Y3 team.



Ms West



Miss Rooney



Mrs Ferdouse



Ms Morgan



Mrs Demetriou



Topic

This term our topic is 'Tribal Tales'. We will cover how hunter – gatherers lived during the Stone Age, the tools used by early man for survival, extinct prehistoric animals and how this period of time has influenced our modern lives. Over the term, the children will take part in a wide range of activities such as using maps, reading stories, researching on laptops, handling artefacts and taking part in scavenger hunts. The children will have their own Creative Curriculum Journal



Maths

The children have started the year focusing on Place Value. We outlined the importance of the hundred, tens and ones columns and using 0 as a place holder. We are now moving onto using mental and written methods to answer addition and subtraction questions. Towards the end of the term we will begin to use different methods to answer multiplication and division. Throughout the term the children will use a range of resources to support them such as number lines,



English

Our year 3 children have spent the first month learning our Talk 4 Writing approach. The children first learnt a high-quality text off by heart through a range of written and drama activities. They then moved on to planning and creating their own portal text using similar structures and vocabulary. We have just finished writing our independent portal stories. For our next genre will be learning all about writing instructions. Our main focus this term will be using the correct

to record all their research, pictures and ideas.	whiteboards, games, dienes, hundred squares and many more.	punctuation, adding description to engage the reader and using conjunctions to extend sentences.
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Routines and Reminders

PE days – PE will be on a Wednesday. Children should come to school in their school tracksuit (with the logo), white t-shirt and black trainers (if you do not have a school tracksuit please make sure the children are wearing plain black or navy sportswear and not a fashion tracksuit)

Ukulele lessons – Thursday AM

Reading books – Y3 will be visiting the school library every Monday.

Homework

Weekly spellings: These can be found on the school website (under the main heading Curriculum and Assessment and drop down to English) and the children will be tested on Fridays.

Daily reading: 15 - 20 minutes daily expectation.

Times Tables Rock Stars: This is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star children need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 as quick as possible! Homework will be set weekly by the teachers and it runs from Saturday to Friday, everyone has 10 sessions on Garage to complete. That is 10 minutes of Maths homework a week!

Topic: This term's the project will be based on our topic 'Tribal Tales'. The Y3 children will be asked to research in detail something that they find interesting about our topic. Further, more detailed, information will be sent out separately to parents/carers.

What else will be happening in the Curriculum?

RE

During our RE lessons this term, we will be focussing on Buddhism and peace.

PSHE

As part of our PSHE topic, we will be looking at developing a Growth Mindset, being me in my world and celebrating differences.

Art/DT

As part of Art/DT, we will be analysing art from the Stone Age and recreating our own ones using different mediums.

Music

The music lessons for the first few weeks of this term will provide a safe space for all the children in Y3 to participate in rhythm games with use of percussion instruments. These will be cleaned between lessons. We will be limiting singing for the time being and will focus on exploring percussion and developing rhythmic skills. We also have the added bonus of an additional weekly music lesson every Thursday. Here the children will learn to play the ukulele - a new venture at Stillness Juniors - and the ukuleles will be provided for use in the lessons.

Spanish

We will be learning where Spain is located on a map, greetings, introducing ourselves, numbers 1-15, feelings and Christmas songs.

Science

Our Science topic is Animals: including humans and we will be learning about the human skeleton, teeth, a balanced diet and looking at the similarities and differences between humans and animals.

Computing

We will be using the chrome books every Tuesday in multiple different lessons. Our IT sessions will cover e-safety, using the internet for researching and basic Google Docs skills.

How to help your child!

- Every Friday your child will be tested on the weekly spellings. These spellings can be found on the school website.
- It is important that you read with your child daily. Asking them questions as they read is a great way to build comprehension skills.
- Please practise x3, x4 and x8 tables with your child and remember to ask them how they got on in the mini times tables tests every week.
- Could you encourage your child to drink and use the toilets during their break times to minimise them getting up and down during lesson time. However, we do allow them to leave the classroom to use the bathroom if required.

Educational Visits in Year 3 this term:

This term will be taking the children on a Stone Age Experience at a local Nature Reserve. This amazing opportunity will include building stone age tools, making Stone Age meals on an open fire and discussing how people used to live off the land during these times.

Further details will follow soon.