



## YEAR 3

### Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

Welcome to Y3 with Miss Curtis, Miss Fatania, Mrs Renner Thomas



The Y3 team are ready for a fantastic term, where we are excited to learn about The Stone Age to the Iron Age and all the wonderful creatures that lived during that time. To extend the children's learning experiences, we also have many trips and workshops planned to give the children even more variety into our already packed curriculum.

To support your child and the school this year, we kindly ask for your continued support, to ensure that the children are organised for their learning by being on time for school and wearing the appropriate uniform including PE kit. If you have any queries or concerns you can contact the Y3 team on the following email address: [y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk) and we will respond within a 2 day working period.



#### 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. We will then move onto the Bronze Age and Iron Age where we will look at tombs, the Celts and hillforts.

Over the term, the children will take part in a wide range of activities such as using maps, reading stories, learning how to weave and researching on Chromebooks to find out more about the Stone Age to the Iron Age.



#### Maths

In Maths this term, the children have started the year focusing on Place Value. We will be outlining the importance of the hundred, tens and ones columns and using 0 as a place holder. They will then move 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.

We also do a 1 x week lesson focus on Arithmetic and 2 x a week lesson focus on times tables with a mini test on Friday.



#### English

Our main focus this term will be using the correct punctuation, adding description to engage the reader and using conjunctions to extend sentences.

In Autumn 1 our first unit is a portal story called Elf Road, where the children will look at the features and then write their own portal story. We will then look at instruction writing linking in with our Stone Age Topic.

In Autumn 2, we will look at Suspense writing and writing our own Diamante poems.

We also have SPAG once a week and a 15-minute SPAG recap each week.

## Routines and Reminders

**PE days** – PE with your child's class teacher and a specialist coach will be on a **Monday and Friday**. Children should come to school in their school tracksuit, 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).

**Reading books** – Y3 will be visiting the school library every Monday. An adult volunteer will also aim to read 1:1 with your child at least every fortnight.

## 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!

**Topic:** This term's project will be based on our topic 'Tribal Tales'. We would like you to get creative and create something from this prehistoric period, whether it be a cave painting, a Stone Age house, pottery, recreating Stone-Henge or even just creating a slide show about all things Stone Age!

## 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 and our Jigsaw units 'Being Me in the World' and 'Celebrating Differences' 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, as well as looking at the art of Leonardo.

### 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. There will be some singing but the focus will be on exploring percussion and developing rhythmic skills.

### Spanish

Our Spanish units will be 'Meet & Greet' and 'The Body'.

### Science

Our Science topic for Autumn 1 is Skeletons & Food Groups and we will be learning about the human skeleton, teeth, a balanced diet and looking at the similarities and differences between humans and animals. In Autumn 2, we will look at our unit Rocks, where we will study rock properties, fossils, Mary Anning and soil formation.

### Computing

Our ICT sessions will cover e-safety and desktop publishing to teach the children the basic fundamentals.

#### How to help your child!

- Every Friday your child will be tested on the weekly spellings; it is important that you learn these with your child. 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. If they already know these challenge them to practice the remaining. We will be tracking your child's times table practice throughout the year.
- 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. We will always allow them to leave the classroom to use the bathroom if required.

#### Educational Enrichment in Y3 this term:

This term we have some wonderful workshops in school and out of school planned.

- A trip to the Horniman Museum for our Tribal Tales Topic lessons.
- A speaker from Cats Protection as part of our PSHE/Wellbeing
- A Prehistoric Britain workshop from Museum of London
- A Rock, Soils & Fossils workshops
- A visit from the Tottenham Football Coaches for a taster lesson
- A trip to the V&A Museum in South Kensington for an exciting DT building project!
- Plus additional whole school enrichment days like Cycle to School Week, Curriculum Dress Up Days & special assemblies.

Further details will follow soon.