



St. Peter's Summer Newsletter

Year 3



Dear Parents,

I would like to start by taking this opportunity to thank the children in Year 3 for making such a fantastic start as a Key Stage 2 class and working especially hard in preparation for their Holy Communion. I hope you had a lovely Easter remembering our Lord Jesus Christ. The children have been working so hard already and I have every faith that this hard work will continue throughout the summer term. It is important that together we encourage them to approach everything they do with a positive attitude. Our first topic this term is 'The Stone Age'. We will then be looking at the topic 'Monsters Madness' in the final half term. The children this term will be working with myself, Mrs Jacobs and Mrs Dawton. We wish them all a happy and successful final term.

Maths

In our maths lessons we will be covering the following areas throughout the term; time, money, properties of 2D and 3D shapes and statistics. We will demonstrate understanding through reasoning and problem solving. Please work with your children on their times tables in preparation for the statutory tests they will take in year 4.

English

The children will be looking at the informative story book Stone Age Boy and we will be writing our own narrative and creating an information leaflet. We will also be looking at creative writing in the form of diary entry and story writing using the Iron Man during the final topic. Alongside our work on our using a variety of texts we will continue to practice our comprehension skills, handwriting skills, learn and practice spellings and improve our grammar.

Science

In science this term students will be working on the topic 'Rocks and Soils'. In this topic we will compare and group different types of rocks based on appearance and physical properties. Linking to the Stone Age we will also be looking at how fossils are formed when living things are trapped within rock.

Geography

Our final topic in Geography is 'Extreme Earth' we will be looking at what is inside the earth, volcanoes, earthquakes and tornados. This will link on well to our science topic of 'Rocks and Soils'.

History

In history we will be looking closely at the three age system of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We will focus on their day to day life, clothes, food, weapons and homes.

Design Technology

The children will create their own moving monsters using recycling to make and decorate their own monster and use air pressure to make them come alive.

Art

In the first half of the term we will be inspired by our history topic to create our very own Stone Age cave paintings.

Physical Education

The children will be exploring pathways and turning in gymnastics. They will take part in athletics activities. PE is every Tuesday and Friday, students will need full PE kits on these days. Trainers will be needed on Mondays for the lunchtime coach.

Music

The children will learn about 'Composition and Performance', having the opportunity to make some music of their own. They will also be given the opportunity to play the recorder!

Computing

The children will be learning about programming in their computing lessons. We will also look at typing and presentation skills to publish their writing. They will demonstrate this when researching the web effectively to find out more about our topics.

Reading

Just a few minutes reading with your child each day makes a huge difference. Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day and that they have had their yellow book signed every week.

Modern Foreign Language

The children will be learning basic French greetings and numbers. We will then look at learning the names of colours and clothes.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday. Please help your child to complete this. It must be checked, signed and returned the following Tuesday. Spelling and multiplication tests will take place on a Friday.

Trips

We will continue our local trips to the library and to St. Peter's church. You will be notified of any other school trips within an appropriate time frame.

May I please remind everyone that all clothing needs to be labelled clearly so that if lost, it can be returned easily. Children should be wearing sensible black shoes (not trainers) to school. PE kit consists of a white polo shirt, black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms (no logos on PE kits please).

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the children's First Confession and Holy Communion.

Kind regards, Miss Ford, Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Dawton