



# Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 3

Half Term 1

Topic: The Stone Age



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	In English, Year 3 pupils will be encouraged to learn and write through fiction texts including; Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk, and The Stone Age Boy. We will explore writing narratives in first and third person, writing chronologically and creating instructions. During this half term, we will also be looking at fiction and non-fiction texts to build more confidence in answering a range of retrieval questions. This means children will use the text to find factual information to answer the question and developing their skills to skim and scan the text.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week.</li> <li>Read your child a book on a night. Promote a love of reading.</li> <li>Continue to help children develop their phonetical knowledge.</li> </ul>
Maths	In Maths, the class will start by consolidating their knowledge of place value by identify the value of digits of numbers up to 1000, counting forwards and backwards from any given number within 1000, reading and writing numbers in words and digits within 1000 and comparing and ordering numbers using symbols. The class will also continue to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s, and start to count in 3s, 4s, 8s and 11s.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to count in 2's, 5's and 10's for this half term.</li> <li>Count forwards and backwards from any number within 100.</li> </ul>
Science	In Science, pupils will be investigating the topic 'Rocks and Fossils' and Mary Anning the famous palaeontologist. Pupils will look at a variety of different rock types, exploring how they are created. We will also look at fossil formation. Children will then use key scientific vocabulary to describe the properties of the rocks. Year 3 will then have the opportunity to explore our topic by completing a scientific investigation on soil permeability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk about where we may find different rocks, and how they could have been created</li> <li>Talk about their properties (hard/ soft, rough/ smooth, durable)</li> </ul>
History	In History, Year 3 will be learning about the three phases of The Stone Age. We will learn about pre historic Britain during the Stone Age, and explore BC/ AD on a time line.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk at home about the Stone Age. Can they retell any facts?</li> </ul>
Geography	In Geography this half term, pupils will be exploring the cardinal and intercardinal points on a compass. Pupils will then learn about the human and physical features in our local area, completing fieldwork to explore our area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss at home the points on a compass.</li> <li>Talk about what is manmade, and what things occur naturally.</li> </ul>
Art	<p>In Art, pupils will look at drawing. We will consider a variety of drawing techniques to create art work based around shading, expression and from different perspectives.</p> <p>We will use a variety of tools including pencils of different grades, charcoal, biro ink, chalk pastels and oil pastels.</p> <p>We will link art work to Christopher Wren.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look at different art work created by drawing</li> <li>Discuss who Christopher Wren is.</li> </ul>

PE	In PE, we will be focusing on football and lacrosse. The class will participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons concentrating on a specific skill each lesson. We will be aiming to develop the fundamental skills from each lesson.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise.</li> <li>• Encourage your child to control a ball around objects using different parts of their foot.</li> </ul>
RE	In RE, pupils will be learning about what different people believe about God. We will look at what Christians and Muslims believe about God and begin to understand the concept 'seeing is believing'. Pupils will also discuss what it means to believe there is no God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss different beliefs about God</li> <li>• Ask your child to talk about what they have learnt.</li> </ul>
Latin	In Year 3, Children will begin to learn Latin as their foreign language. This term, children will start to look at the origins of the Latin language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss with pupils where the Latin language originates from.</li> </ul>
Computer Science and IT	In Year 3, we will begin the year by learning about computing networks. We will explore examples of digital devices, and what are input and output devices. We will also learn about how computer networks can be used to share information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about what digital devices you might have at home.</li> </ul>
Online Safety	Children in Year 3 will learn about why we should only share information with people that we choose and trust.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to your child about who they trust</li> <li>• Discuss the consequences of sharing information with the wrong people.</li> </ul>
Personal, Social and Health Education	In PSHE, your child will look at the topics 'My body, my health' and 'People who help me'. In the first topic, we will explore medicine safety and explore the risks of an inactive lifestyle. In the second topic, we will develop an understanding of who we can trust and what to do if we feel worried or need help.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to your child about how to stay safe around medicine.</li> <li>• Discuss healthy food and benefits of exercise.</li> </ul>
Virtue	<p>Within school we have 6 virtues: fairness, kindness, bravery, respect, coolness and stickability which are all interwoven through our curriculum and, policies and every day practice.</p> <p>Our virtue for this half term is <b>kindness</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss what kindness means and how we can be kind to others inside, and out of, school.</li> </ul>