

September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you had a great summer and are now refreshed and ready for a new school year. We are very excited to get to know you all.

Our key question for this term is 'Would you rather have lived in the Stone Age or the Iron Age?' and the curriculum areas we will focus on are included overleaf.

Teaching Arrangements

The table below shows you which staff will be with Year 3 on a daily basis:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class Teacher	Miss Sanders (AM/PM)	Miss Sanders (AM/PM)	Miss Sanders (8:45am – 10:40am) Mrs Snow (10:40am – 3:15pm)	Miss Sanders (AM/PM)	Miss Sanders (AM/PM)
Teaching Assistant	Mr Allison (AM/PM)	Mr Allison (AM/PM)	Mr Allison (AM)	Mr Allison (AM/PM)	Mr Allison (AM)

PE

PE sessions are on Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit. This consists of trainers/pumps, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, school jumper and a house PE shirt. New PE t-shirts can be purchased from the school office and cost £2.

Homework

Every Monday, children will receive a sticker in their reading record with their weekly homework activities. These will include 15 minutes on TTRockstars to practise their times tables (www.ttrockstars.com), reading and a maths or English activity. Homework needs to be handed in on Friday but may be handed in earlier if completed. A weekly list of spellings will be given to each pupil to learn. Spellings will be given out on a Friday for a test the following Friday. Children have access to EdShed (www.edshed.com) which provides interactive games to support the learning of weekly spellings.

Login details for both TTRockstars and EdShed can be found at the back of your child's reading record. For those children without internet access at home, there is the option to complete their TTRockstars in one of their lunch times.

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Reading

Children are expected to read at least three times throughout the week at home and their reading record should be signed to confirm that they have done this. We will also write in your child's reading record if we have read with them in school so please ensure that this is brought with them every day. Please try and discuss the reading with your child by asking them questions such as how they think the character was feeling and what they think is going to happen next. This develops their comprehension skills and will impact positively on their progress. VIPERS bookmarks will be sent home shortly; these are great for exploring reading with your child.

PG Film Permission

Over the course of the year, we may watch sections of programmes/films that link with an area of our learning e.g. Stig of the Dump. Some of these films are rated PG so please could you return the slip at the end of this letter stating whether you do or do not give your child permission to watch PG films.

Class Dojo

We are continuing to use Dojo as a method of communication. We will do our best to respond promptly to any messages but urgent/important messages, such as child absence, should go through the office. We will use Class Dojo to send messages that are specific to Year 3 but please make sure you read the school newsletter for upcoming school events of which you should be aware.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to seeing your children flourish this term!

Yours sincerely,

Hope Sanders (Teacher) and Matt Allison (Teaching Assistant)

Child's name:.....

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I give permission for my child to watch a PG rated film in school.

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I DO NOT give permission for my child to watch a PG rated film in school.

Signed:.....

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