



Year 3 Autumn Term 1<sup>st</sup> Half  
Stone Age to the Iron Age

## Curriculum Letter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you enjoyed a fantastic summer holiday and are as excited for the beginning of school as we are!

We are starting Year 3 with a brilliant topic about changes in Britain between the Stone Age and the Iron Age. Within this topic we will be discovering lots about how people lived and how their houses changed.

### Supporting learning at home:

- Encourage your child to read every day and record this in their reading diary. We would love the children to access a range of genres in their reading at home, including poetry, non-fiction and fiction. It would be wonderful if the children could familiarise themselves with some books based on the stone age.
- Support your child to learn their spellings every week. We will be exploring a range of strategies in class that your child will be able to share with you. Our spelling test day is Tuesday and new spellings will be given out on Thursday.
- Use Hit the Button to help your child to practice the current maths topic or to help them to learn their multiplication tables.
- Encourage your child to continue to take pride in their appearance by wearing the correct uniform to school.
- Ensure that your child has a healthy fruit snack and a bottle of water in class every day.
- If possible, please send an old shirt (adult-size) with your child's name in to use as an Art shirt for when we are doing Art.

### Dates for the Diary



- PE days are Monday and Wednesday
- Our school trip is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September- please make sure that you have consented and paid via ParentPay
- Our first parent sharing event will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm

Please feel free to email or speak to me if you have any questions. The class email address is [year3@barfordstpeters.co.uk](mailto:year3@barfordstpeters.co.uk)

If you need to contact us regarding child collection on the same day then please use the school admin email address to ensure that messages are received.

Best wishes,

Miss Baker and the Year Three team

# English

## In English we will be learning:

- To ensure that we use the correct sentence punctuation
- To use a growing range of conjunctions to extend our sentences
- To use a range of adjectives and expanded noun phrases to add detail to our writing
- To edit our work and check for simple spelling mistakes
- To continue to work on joining our handwriting more consistently

Examples of texts which support the learning in our topic are:

- Stig of the Dump by Clive King
- Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura
- Ug Boy Genius of the Stone Age by Raymond Briggs
- Non-fiction texts about The Stone Age

# Maths

## In maths we will be learning:

- To recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens, ones)
- To compare and order numbers up to 1000
- To identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations
- To read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words
- To solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas.
- To add and subtract numbers mentally, including:
  - o a three-digit number and ones
  - o a three-digit number and tens
  - o a three-digit number and hundreds

## History



In History this term, we will be learning all about changes in Britain between the Stone Age and the Iron Age. We will be learning about how housing and the sourcing of food changed during these periods and beginning to explore why these changes happened.

## Art & DT



In Art we will be looking at the Lascaux cave paintings. We will be using charcoal and pastels to try and create our own cave paintings. In DT, we will be exploring levers and linkages. We will be applying these skills to make a greetings card with a moving part.

## Science



In Science we will be learning all about rocks and soils. We will be learning about different types of rocks and how we can sort rocks based on their properties. We will be looking at how fossils are formed and how soil is made.

## P.E.



In P.E. we will be learning about HIIT. We will be focussing on developing our stamina and improving our overall fitness.

## Relationships & Health Education



In PSHE we will be completing the Taking Care Project. The children will be revisiting their early warning signs and recapping who their trusted adults are.

## R.E.



In R.E. this half term we will be learning about Judaism. We will be finding out about their beliefs about god and why certain celebrations are important to them. We will also find out about significant objects and places for Jewish people.

## Spanish



We will be starting to learn Spanish this year. This half term we will be focussing on learning greetings, colours and numbers.

## Music



In music we will be learning about ballads. We will learn about the key features of ballads before planning our own ballad. We will have a go at writing some lyrics and performing our ballads in small groups.

## Computing



In computing this half term we will be learning about computer systems and networks. We will learn about what a network is and how information moves around a network.

Here is an overview of the spelling rules and words we will be learning this half term:

Words where the digraph 'ou' makes an /ow/ sound	mouth, sprout, around, sound, spout, ouch, hound, trout, found, proud
Words where the digraph 'ou' makes a /u/ sound	touch, double, country, trouble, young, cousin, enough, couple, encourage, flourish
Words where 'y' makes an /i/ sound	symbol, gym, myth, synonym, Egypt, lyrics, pyramid, system, mystery, gymnastics
Words ending in '-sure'	treasure, measure, leisure, pleasure, pressure, exposure, enclosure, closure, disclosure, composure
Words ending in '-ture'	adventure, future, picture, nature, creature, furniture, capture, sculpture, fracture, mixture
Challenge Words	actual, bicycle, answer, circle, earth, enough, island, fruit, often, popular