



YEAR 3 • AUTUMN 1 ROCK OF AGES

This half term, Year 3 will be exploring the history topic **Rock of Ages** to discover what life was like during the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. Children will learn about everyday life in those times, identifying different tools and what those tools were used for. Through investigating, pupils will step into the shoes of young historians.



SUPER START

Cave paintings.

Making their own ancient tools.

SHOWCASE

Present our learning this term collectively

EDUCATIONAL VISIT

Stone Age Workshop

UNICEF articles – linked through core text or other curriculum areas.

Right to access information (Article 17)

Right to relax and play (Article 31)

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

ENGLISH

This term, Year 3 will be building their SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) skills through a range of exciting writing opportunities, including narrative, persuasive and recount writing. They will learn how to use fronted adverbials to add detail and variety to their sentences, as well as using apostrophes accurately for contractions and possession. Children will apply these skills in their own writing, developing greater accuracy, confidence and creativity as they write for different purposes and audiences.

MATHS

In maths, Year 3 will be developing their understanding of place value and partitioning. They will learn how the position of a digit affects its value and explore numbers using ones, tens and hundreds. Children will practice partitioning numbers in different ways, breaking them into parts to help them understand how numbers are made and to support their mental calculations. They will use practical resources, pictures and number representations to build confidence before applying their learning to addition, subtraction and problem-solving.

SCIENCE

In science, Year 3 will be learning about the different types of rocks; sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. Children will explore the properties of each rock and learn how each of them are formed and where they can be found. They will carry out practical experiments and investigations to test the different rocks and their properties which will help to develop their scientific enquiry skills and explain what happens to rocks as they are formed.

HISTORY

In history, Year 3 will be travelling back in time to learn all about the stone age! They will be focusing on three different periods; Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. They will be exploring daily tools that were used and how they are either the same or different to tools we use today. Children will investigate what life was like back then and how each of the three periods differ to one another.

ART

In art, Year 3 will be exploring levers and linkages. They will be learning how the different parts of mechanisms and how they are used in order to move. Children will develop their understanding of levers and linkages with a hands-on approach in order to create their own moveable objects.

PSHE / RE

In RE, Year 3 will be exploring 'Christianity'. Children will learn about Jesus' teachings and how he encouraged people to show kindness, forgiveness, compassion and fairness towards others. Through Bible stories and discussion, they will consider how Jesus' message can inspire people to make the world a better place and reflect on how these values can be put into practice in their own lives.
In PSHE (Jigsaw), Year 3 will focus on Being Me in My World. Children will explore their hopes and fears for the school year, understand rights and responsibilities, and learn how

MUSIC

This term, Year 3 will be developing their music skills through learning to play the guitar. Children will learn how to hold and care for their instruments safely. They will develop their listening, timing and performance skills, while learning to play both independently and as part of an ensemble.

rewards and consequences work. They will also practice creating a safe, fair learning environment, valuing each other's contributions, making positive choices, and recognising different feelings.

KEY TEXTS



PE

This term, Year 3 will be developing their tag rugby skills through fun, active games and challenges. Children will practice their invasion skills while learning how to work as part of a team.