

Spring: Information for Year 3

Class Teacher: Mr Fisk (Monday – Thursday) & Mr Hampson (Friday)

Date: Spring Term 2025 – 2026 (January – April)

Welcome back to Year 3!

It has been lovely to see all the children again, to find out about their past two weeks and to get back into the school routine – I hope you all had a lovely holiday. As always, I'm in the playground every morning at 8.50am (except Fridays) and at the end of the school day (except Mondays). If you need anything beyond a quick word, either ring or email the school office and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Subject:	Class work:	How you can help:
English Reading	Stone Age Boy - Satoshi Kitamura	<p>Continue to support your child at home by hearing your child read a variety of texts regularly and enjoying reading to them. Texts such as: signs, poetry, recipes, comics, timetables, plays etc. are all beneficial.</p> <p>Please question them about their reading. You don't need to have read the book; you could just ask them to tell you the sequence of what they've read, or simply to describe the characters (physical characteristics and personality).</p>
English Writing	<p>For the Birds – introduction to using inverted commas (speech marks); character description</p> <p>Skara Brae Holiday Brochure (links to history)</p> <p>Stone Age Boy – narrative</p> <p>Earthquakes – Non-Chronological Report</p>	<p>In class we will be learning a number of techniques to practise spellings and we hope the children will be able to share these with you at home.</p> <p>e.g. rainbow writing</p>  <p>Pyramid spelling/ writing</p>  <p>Whichever way they're practising their spelling, they could practise their handwriting at the same time. Even if they're doing bubble writing for example, they can be forming each letter shape correctly and making sure the letters are the correct sizes in comparison to each other.</p> <p>Please make sure that you are continuing to regularly practise spelling at home and that you are moving into the Spring Term spellings in the Homework overview they got at the beginning of the year.</p>
Mathematics	<p>Multiplication and Division</p> <p>Length and perimeter</p> <p>Fractions</p> <p>Mass and Capacity</p>	<p>Practice the Key Instant Recall Facts for 5 minutes at least 3 times weekly - these are the fundamental building blocks for calculation and reasoning:</p> <p>You can do any of the Year 3 KIRFS, but this half-term we will focus more heavily on the 4 and 8 times tables, number bonds and time facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Times tables 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s & 8s and the related division facts, for example: $4 \times 5 = 20$, $5 \times 4 = 20$, $20 \div 4 = 5$, $20 \div 5 = 4$ ✓ Telling the time to the nearest minute ✓ Number bonds to 100, e.g. $50 + 50 = 100$, $93 + 7 = 100$, $100 - 38 = 62$ <p>The KIRFs are detailed, with examples, in the Homework overview they got at the beginning of the year.</p>
Science	<p>Rocks, Fossils and Soils</p> <p>Materials</p>	<p>You could visit the library for books or research on the internet, BBC schools has lots of fantastic games and activities for you to explore.</p>
Art	Collage & Coiling – paper and clay	<p>If you go for a walk, pick up some stones and compare. Thread a needle – simple skill that is hard to master!</p>
Computing	Spreadsheets Email	<p>Does your child know what to do if they see anything upsetting or inappropriate on any device?</p>
Design Technology	Shell structures – food packaging	<p>Share experiences from your own lives with the children and get them to talk about these topics with the wider family. Share any photos etc. you may have from your own experiences, particularly holidays to other countries where they have seismic or volcanic activity – what were the similarities and differences?</p>
Geography	Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes	
History	Bronze Age to Iron Age	
Music	Recorders	<p>As above, you could visit the library for books or research on the</p>

PE	Dance and Orienteering	internet, BBC schools has lots of fantastic games and activities for you to explore.	
PSHCE	Dreams and Goals Healthy Me		
RE	How do people express spirituality?		
Specific dates	P.E. days for the first half-term are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday . P.E. days for the second half-term are Wednesday, Friday . <i>Please make sure that your child comes to school in a full, named PE kit on these days</i> We will do learning outside in all weather, please make sure they have a hooded coat and wellies for school.		
Please ensure your child's name is written in/on anything they bring into school (clothing, water bottles, wellies, lunchboxes etc).			