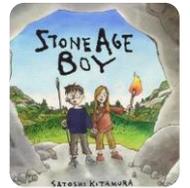




This Term in Year 3



Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3 at Whitchurch Junior School. The Year 3 teachers this year are Miss Fitzgerald (3CF), Miss Robinson (3KR) and Mrs Sayers (3JS) along with Teaching Assistants Mrs McDermott, Mrs Lea and Mrs S Bishop. We welcome you to come and see us at any time, if you have anything that you would like to discuss, or of course, you can always catch us in the playground at the end of the day.

During Year 3 much emphasis is placed on the development of self-discipline and organisation, from the simpler things like keeping drawers and lockers tidy and taking care of their own belongings, to taking responsibility for their own behaviour and the care they show for others. We hope you will assist us in developing these values.

As you know we set high standards within school and expect all children to behave well and do their best. Good behaviour and effort in the year group will be praised and rewarded, whilst children are expected to take responsibility for their actions when they make the wrong decisions.

At Whitchurch Junior School we do not provide break time snacks for the children. We ask that the children bring in a healthy option from home such as fruit or vegetables. (Please note that children are not allowed to bring sweets or chocolate to school.) Children are welcome to bring bottles of water into the classroom but juice/other drinks are not permitted during lessons.

This Autumn term, our topic is “**Sticks Stones Metal and Bones**”. The children will be learning all about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. At the end of the topic we will be inviting parents into school for the children to share their learning with you. Please look out for a separate letter regarding this.

To engage the children further in this topic, you could discuss what life would have been like in the Stone Age, for example without any technology and materials such as metal or plastic.

In **Maths** we will be consolidating and extending our understanding of number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions, measures, geometry and statistics. Your child will need to continue to learn multiplication tables including x2,x5,x10, x3, x4 at home and also practise telling the time.

In **English** our focus will be on using picture books to inspire a variety of writing types that will include; non-chronological reports, persuasive writing, narrative, play scripts and instructions. Alongside this children will be deepening their understanding of grammatical forms and spelling patterns.

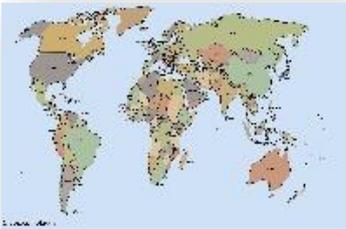
Home Learning

It is important to develop a homework routine with your children as they progress through Year 3. Home learning on Mathletics and Spellodrome will be set weekly on Tuesdays to be completed by the following Monday. Alongside this, there will be the continued expectation that children will read at least 3x a week at home with an adult. The reading record should be used to write down any reading that the children do at home- please encourage your child to write their own comments in their reading record alongside this. We would really appreciate any support you can give your children with their home learning as it really does make such a big difference.

P.E.

This term the children will be doing PE or Forest School on Tuesday afternoons. In addition to this the children will also have a weekly class PE lesson (3CF: Thursdays/ 3KR: Fridays/ 3JS: Tuesdays). Please ensure that your child wears appropriate PE kit in relation to the school guidelines: sky blue t-shirt, navy blue shorts or skort and pumps or trainers. This can be purchased from Whitchurch Sports. **We expect the children's P.E. Kit to be left in school throughout the week and taken home at weekends.** For Forest School sessions please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat. Please send a note if your child is unable to take part in any P.E. lessons.

During our topic we will be focusing on History, Science, Art, Technology, Music and Computing.

<p>In History, we'll be investigating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Artefacts from the Stone Age• The process of an archaeological dig• Evidence of early civilisation and settlements• Early farmers• Hunter gatherers 	<p>In Computing, we'll be learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About E-safety when using the internet for research.• To develop our word processing skills to support the presentation of non-chronological reports. 
<p>In Geography, we'll be exploring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why people settle where they do/did.• The location of Skara Brae.• Locate Stone Age & Bronze Age past settlements. 	<p>In Art, we'll be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysing cave paintings and where they originated.• Using a range of media to create our own cave art to communicate a message.• Using natural, scavenged resources to make sculptures similar to Andy Goldsworthy. 
<p>In D&T, we'll be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designing and making recipes using seasonal and foraged ingredients 	<p>In Science, we'll be investigating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classification of rock types• Properties of rocks 

Thank you for your continued support. If there is anything you wish to discuss, please come in to school and we will be happy to talk with you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Fitzgerald

Miss Robinson

Mrs Sayers