



# YEAR 3

## Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

### A New School Year

Welcome to Y3 with Miss Rooney, Miss Curtis, Miss Liston and Mrs Demetriou. The staff are excited about this year, especially the first topic – Tribal Tales (Stone Age to the Iron Age). The children have settled into their new classes well and are already producing amazing work in all their lessons. Due to the current guidelines, we are unable to book face to face appointments at the moment. If you have any queries or concerns you can contact the year 3 team on the following email address: [y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk) or you can write a message in your child's planner.



We are looking forward to another wonderful year!  
From the Y3 team.

### Topic

This term we will be researching the exciting topic Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will cover how hunter – gatherers lived during the Stone Age, the tools used by early man for survival, extinct prehistoric animals, how this period of time has influenced our modern lives and much more. Over the term the children will be able use a wide range of tools to investigate such as maps, stories, laptops, handling artefacts and scavenger hunts. The children will have their own Creative Curriculum Journal to record all their research, pictures and ideas.



### Maths



The children will start the year focusing on Place Value. This will outline the importance of the hundred, tens and ones columns and using 0 as a place holder. Once this knowledge is secure, we will move onto using mental and written methods to answer addition and subtraction questions. Towards the end of the term we will begin to use different methods to answer multiplication and division. Throughout the term the children will use a range of resources to support them such as number lines, whiteboards, games, dienes, hundred squares and many more.

### English

Our year 3 children will be introduced to our Talk 4 Writing approach. The children will start by learning a high-quality text off by heart through a range of interactive and drama activities. They will then move on to planning and creating their own versions using similar structures and vocabulary. Over the first term we will cover 2 fiction and 2 non-fiction genres of writing including narratives, newspapers and non-chronological reports. Our main focus this term will be using the correct punctuation, adding description to engage the reader and using conjunctions to extend sentences.



### Routines and Reminders

**PE days** – PE will be on a Wednesday. As the changing rooms are not in use, children should come to school in their school tracksuit (with the logo), white t-shirt and black trainers (if you do not have a school tracksuit please make sure the children are wearing

plain black or navy sportswear) on their PE day. School tracksuits can be purchased through ParentPay and we will hand it to your child.

**Ukulele lessons** – Thursday AM

**Reading books** – Our school library is currently closed. Please bring in a book from home to read during the school day.

#### Homework

**Weekly spellings.** These can be found on the school website (under the main heading Curriculum and Assessment and drop down to English) and the children will be tested every Friday.

Daily reading (20-30 mins)

**Mathletics** - weekly task based on the learning taking place in class

**Topic** - a project each term. As we are trying to minimise the amount of things being brought in from home, it is likely that we will ask you to take a photo of your project work and upload it onto Google Classroom.

**Google Classroom:** We are planning to use Google Classroom further in the future to set homework but we will keep you updated about this. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Pencil cases should **not** be brought into school. We have provided every child with their own zip wallet and resources to use in their lessons.

#### What else will be happening in the Curriculum?

##### RE

During our RE lessons this term, we will be focussing on Buddhism and peace.

##### PSHE

As part of our PSHE topic, we will be looking at developing a growth mindset, being me in my world and celebrating differences.

##### Art/DT

As part of Art/DT, we will be analysing art from the Stone Age and recreating our own ones using different mediums.

##### Music

The music lessons for the first few weeks of this term will provide a safe space for all the children in Y3 to participate in rhythm games with use of percussion instruments. These will be cleaned between lessons. We will be limiting singing for the time being and will focus on exploring percussion and developing rhythmic skills. We also have the added bonus of an additional weekly music lesson every Thursday. Here the children will learn to play the ukulele - a new venture at Stillness Juniors - and the ukuleles will be provided for use in the lessons.

##### Spanish

We will be learning where Spain is located on a map, greetings, introducing ourselves, numbers 1-15, feelings and Christmas songs.

##### Science

Our Science topic is Animals: including humans and we will be learning about the human skeleton, teeth, a balanced diet and looking at the similarities and differences between humans and animals.

##### Computing

Our IT sessions will cover e-safety, using the internet for researching and basic Microsoft word/powerpoint skills.

#### How to help your child!

- Every Friday your child will be tested on the weekly spellings. These spellings can be found on the school website.

- It is important that you read with your child daily. Asking them questions as they read is a great way to build comprehension skills.
- Please practise x3, x4 and x8 tables with your child and remember to ask them how they got on in the mini times tables tests every week.

Educational Visits in Year 3 this term:

At the moment we will not be going on any educational visits this term. We will keep you updated if this changes in the future.