

Kingfisher Hall Primary Academy

Autumn Term 2019 Year 3

English

This half term we will be reading the books *Ug*, *Stone Girl*, *Bone Girl* and *Stone Age Boy*, in line with our focus of the term which is the stone age. We will be writing diary entries, instructions, newspaper reports and non-chronological reports linked to these texts. We will also be developing our speaking and listening skills through drama activities.

Children should be reading aloud at home every day in order to improve their reading skills. Please ensure they bring in their reading records, complete with comments about their daily reading. Spelling and handwriting will be taught throughout the week and there will be weekly spelling tests.

During the autumn term, Year 3 will focus on numbers and will be:

- Counting numbers up to 10,000 by using concrete representations and strategies of ones, tens, hundreds and thousands.
- We be comparing numbers up to 10,000 and arranging them in ascending or descending order.
- We will be learning that the meaning of 'sum' is to add and we will be using this knowledge to add numbers up to 10,000 without regrouping. Once confident, we will be adding and regrouping in ones, tens and hundreds.
- We will then move onto subtracting numbers up to 10,000 and we will be regrouping when children are confident.
- We will then be moving onto multiplication and division.
- Children should be practicing their times tables up to 12x12 daily.

Science

Our topic for this half term focuses on rocks. We will be looking at different types of rocks (both natural and man-made) and sorting them into categories based on their properties. Year 3 will learn about the uses of rocks and why some of them are used for different purposes. We will also be looking at soils, their permeability and how they can be categorised. The children will be able to describe in simple terms how fossils are formed.

Topic: History

In history, we will be learning about the stone age. We will be creating a 'stone age poo' to dissect in order to find out about the period. We will be learning about Skara Brae and the settlement found, as well as learning about the lifestyle of a prehistoric human through examining their food and their hunting and farming lifestyles. We will be considering Stonehenge and the rocks positioned there. The children will have an exciting opportunity to go on a stone age day trip in October (letter to follow).

Children in Year 3 will be learning their spellings through homework activities and also during lessons. Children should be reading at home daily and bring in their reading record complete with comments from their reading session at home. In the mornings we have a guided reading session where we will build on their comprehension skills.

Art & Design

Throughout the term the children we be exploring the importance of primary colours and how we can use primary colours to make different colours for certain purposes. We will be focusing on our Stone Age unit making cave art paintings, making tools, hand stencils, model of a roundhouse, flint knapping using clay, cooking and making a Stonehenge model. The children will really get an opportunity to use a range of resources.

P.E.

This half term the children will be learning gymnastics and invasion games. By the end of the term children will be able to:

- Use their knowledge of compositional principals to develop sequences that show an awareness of matching and mirroring.
- Use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit their opposition within games such as; basketball and football. **PE Days: Thursday (indoor) Tuesday (outdoor)**

Please ensure that your child has their PE kits in school. (Polo T-shirt and black shorts, navy or black jogging bottoms for outdoor PE). Please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms in their PE bag. No earrings or watches should be worn on PE days.

Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Friday and will be expected to be returned by **Wednesday**. Homework will consist of English, Maths and spellings which will be a consolidation of their learning in class. Children will be expected to read out loud to an adult at home daily and they will read daily in school during their comprehension and English lesson. Adults are encouraged to ask their children questions about the book, to further cement their understanding. Children's reading books will be changed once a week. Please ensure your child brings in their library book and reading record daily.

If you have any queries, please speak with me after school.

Miss Abdulkadir