

Year 3: Autumn 1 - The Flintstones

English

In English this half term we will be looking at the poetry of Ben Zephaniah. Children will have a go at performing some of his poetry using actions and experimenting with their tone of voice. Our unit will conclude with children learning about the poet and creating a biography.

After this, we will move on to Stig of the Dump by Clive King. The children will be using a wide range of strategies for engaging with the text. They will also be developing their range of expressive vocabulary. Our focus will begin on comprehension strategies and as we get further along, children will be writing newspaper reports. They will also be given the opportunity to write their own story based on what we have read. Finally, we will be looking at the work of the charity Shelter and creating leaflets.

Spelling and Grammar

Weekly grammar lessons will build on the children's prior knowledge of sentence structure and develop an understanding of adverbs, paragraphs, and the use of speech marks and apostrophes. There will be a particular focus on tenses. Each week the children will focus on a new spelling pattern and pupils will be given expected age related words to learn to spell.

Maths:

In Mathematics this half term the children will focus on place value, using two and three digit numbers.. They will ordering and comparing numbers to 1000. We will also be looking at reading and writing 3 digit numbers in words and numerals. In addition, children will be taught key vocabulary to help them explain their ideas.

We will be developing mental and written strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems involving three digit numbers. We will be solving missing number calculations and applying our knowledge to solve word problems in different contexts. Children will continue to develop estimation skills to help with calculations and use inverse operations to check their answers.

Throughout the term we will also encourage the children to work in a group to discuss different mathematical puzzles and justify their responses and solutions.

Creative Learning Journey

- ◆ Our focus this half term is on the Stone Age. We will learning about different settlements from the Stone Age and their locations. We will be developing our mapping skills in **Geography** to locate early settlements and explore the human and physical features of these.
- ◆ In **Science**, we will look at rocks and soils and identify the sources of different rocks. We will also be grouping and classifying rocks related to their properties. Children will also be looking closely at fossils.
- ◆ In **ICT**, the focus will be surveys. We will be looking at the features and then have a go at designing our own. Pupils will then be asked to evaluate the data from the responses, once they have been sent out.
- ◆ In **RE**, children will be learning about Jesus and Buddha. We will be using stories to learn how other people were challenged and made to think.
- ◆ In **Music**, our focus will be looking at different styles of music and working on our singing. We will study different styles, find the pulse, recognise instruments & discuss other dimensions of music: pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics.
- ◆ In **PHSCE**, the pupils will learn to recognise bullying by describing what changes when 'joking' or 'playful teasing' becomes hurtful to another.
- ◆ Our **Art** is also linked to our topic as we will be designing and creating a sculpture.
- ◆ In **gymnastics**, pupils will explore how to receive and transfer body weight, and learn about symmetry and asymmetry balances and movements. In **games**, pupils will work co-operatively in small groups to pass & receive with hands in different ways, and with their feet.

Information about Year 3

Homework:

Maths and English homework is given out on Fridays and is due the following Friday. Maths homework will be online—www.mymaths.co.uk
Reading, spellings and times tables should be practised every night.

Spellings will be given out on Friday and tested the following week.

P.E. Timetable:

Class 3A: PE – Wednesday and Friday

Class 3B: PE – Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 3C: PE – Monday and Tuesday

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment with the office staff. Miss Gharial (3A), Miss O'Regan (3B) & Mr Kvak (3C)

If you could volunteer to help with hearing children read please talk to your class teacher. We would be very grateful for any support. Just a reminder that regular attendance is essential to ensure that your child makes consistent progress and reach their full potential.