



St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs J Rodwell

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3!

September has finally arrived, and we are now at the start of an exciting (with a slightly new norm) academic year! My name is Miss Hemstead and I am thrilled to be introducing myself as the Class 3 teacher at St Minver school. I am joined by our wonderful teaching assistants, Mrs Hore and Mr Rickard, who will be helping in our class.

I am delighted to welcome your child back into school after a prolonged time away and to ensure a comfortable ease back into school life, we have a 'Friendship Fortnight' theme over the first couple of weeks, where we will focus on reconnecting with our peers and adapt to our new routines. We will then be diving into our Autumn term topic 'The Stone Age to the Iron Age' where we will be unravelling what life was like for stone age people across our Literacy, History, Geography, Science, Art and DT subjects.

I have provided a breakdown of what the children can look forward to at the start of our new academic year together.

English – Relating to our topic, we will be looking at the book 'Stone Age Boy' to base our writing on. The children will learn how to write a diary entry describing what life was like in the stone age.

Our class book to read this term will be 'Stig of the Dump.'

Weekly spellings will be introduced and sent home on a Monday and practised daily in class. For homework, I would also like the children to practise writing a simple sentence which will be tested on a Friday morning – this includes previously learnt words from Year's 1 and 2, as well as our new Year 3 words and will give the children a daily opportunity to practise their cursive handwriting.

Maths – Our focus this half term will be place value followed by addition and subtraction. Daily mental maths challenges will be incorporated to increase confidence in this area (2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables).

There will be a weekly Maths homework for reinforcement of those areas learnt in school.

Science – Whilst working scientifically, we will be learning about rocks and fossils. The children will learn new vocabulary which they will be able to apply to their investigations and discussions.

History – The inspiration for our topic this term! We will be learning all about The Stone Age to the Iron Age and discover what life was like for stone age people. We will also be delving into the story of the Stonehenge. The children will make connections and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.

Geography – We will be learning about the UK and using maps to locate the cities, counties and its geographical features.

Art/DT – Just like stone age people, we will be recreating some animal cave paintings using charcoal. We will also be making fossils out of clay which will follow on from our Science lessons.

RE – For RE, the unit is 'Exploring People'. We will be looking at who Jesus was and what we know about him and how his actions influence Christians today. We will be looking at Jesus as a storyteller and explore different stories from the bible and the relevance of those stories in today's world. We also start to look at the Sikh religion and understand some of the reasons Sikhs admire Guru Nanak.



Autumn term topic:

**The Stone Age
to the Iron Age**

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Computing – Throughout every lesson, the children will learn how to use the internet safely. We will also be using iPads to develop our coding skills.

Music – ‘Let Your Spirit Fly’ by Joanna Mangona will be our chosen song to listen and appraise this half term. This will include musical activities where the children can use instruments to create an ensemble.

French – Bonjour! Year 3 will be introducing themselves and greeting others ...in French! The unit is called ‘I can speak French’. The children will be introduced France and the French language. They will start to learn basic conversational language and learn to talk about themselves and ask others questions about them. They will learn to answer the register, greet each other and talk about their feelings, to count and write numbers to 12 and follow basic classroom instructions. Mrs Couch will be taking our French lessons this year.

PE – Our PE lessons will be on a **Wednesday afternoon** and **Thursday morning** with Mr Rickard. Keeping in mind the current Covid-19 situation, you are more than welcome to send your child into school wearing their PE kit for the entire day, although this is entirely optional.

Whilst communicating at the classroom door will sadly not be possible for this term, you are more than welcome to contact me by the Home Learning email homelearning@stminver.org or you can call the office on 01208 862 496 to arrange a phone appointment.

Warm regards,

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