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Miss Merson will teach the children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mrs Couch will teach the children on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Broad will support the children each morning. Mr Rickard will be teaching the children P.E on a Thursday and a Friday.

English

In English this term we will be exploring historical fiction by reading 'Stone Age Boy' and the children's classic 'Stig of the Dump.' We will be learning about paragraphs, how to develop our description and how to create suspense and tension in our writing. We will also be creating our own portal stories where our characters will find themselves transported to the stone age. Later in the term, we will be reading 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' and we will write our own set of instructions about washing a creature of our choice. We will be learning about Performance Poetry and look at how to perform Michael Rosen's 'I was born in the Stone Age' and 'The Boneyard Rap' as this ties in with our science topic.

On a weekly basis we will also be covering the following:-

- * Comprehension based on different texts and poems linked to our topic.
- * Weekly spellings to learn at home based on a spelling pattern.
- * Individual reading either independently or to an adult.
- * Handwriting practice. The children will be learning to join their writing neatly.
- * Visit the library every Wednesday to choose a new library book.

Maths

In maths this term we will be working on the place value of numbers up to 1000. In this unit we will explore how to represent numbers to 1000 in a variety of ways, compare numbers to 1000, order numbers and count in 50s. We will also be working on addition and subtraction later in the half term. We will learn how to use the formal written methods for addition and subtraction of three digit numbers as well as the mental methods.

Three times a week, the children will take part in a 15 minute maths session called 'Number Sense'. During this session the children will learn a range of strategies to help them recall their addition and subtraction facts to 10, work out doubles and near doubles. They will also look at how to use their learnt facts when adding larger numbers. Securing fluency in this area will enable the children to make connections in their learning and help them to free up their working memory so that they can reason and problem solve about their maths when faced with more complex problems to solve.

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Science

This half term we will learn all about animals, including humans. We will explore what type of food animals and humans need to eat. We will also learn about how humans and some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. We will be investigating who has the quickest reaction times and learn about how to record our data and set up a comparative test.

RE

In RE we will begin our unit by considering 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?' We will learn about the creation story in the Bible and how Christians believe God created the world. We will be finding examples of how Christians look after the world and what we can learn from this and why it is important to look after the world around us.

Art

In Art we will be designing and making our own woolly mammoths using some recycled materials.

Computing

This term we will continue to use ICT to support our learning in all subjects. We will be learning about all aspects of on line safety and how to keep our selves safe on line. The children are introduced to email and other forms of online communication. They will look at how to write and send emails, as well as how to decide if an email is safe to open. They will build on their existing knowledge of cyberbullying and how to deal with unkind behaviour whilst on line.

PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education)

Each week the children have a PSHE lesson based on the Jigsaw Framework. During this session the children will play a variety of games which encourages them to develop greater friendships with each other. This half term we begin our unit on 'Being Me in My World'. During this unit we will get to know each other by celebrating our achievements and sharing our dreams and goals. We will explore the differences between our nightmare school and our dream school. We will also consider rewards and consequences and our rights and responsibilities.

History

In history we will be learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age and discovering what life was like for Stone Age people. The children will make connections and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.

Music

This term the children will be looking at the song 'Let Your Spirit Fly' by Joanna Mangona. We will learn to listen and appraise the song this half term. This will include musical activities where the children can use percussion instruments to create an ensemble.

PE

This term the children will have PE on Thursday and Friday morning with Mr Rickard. Please remember to send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days. This half term we will be developing a range of skills through our invasion games unit. We will be practising our passing skills, looking at how to move with the ball and understand the basic principles of attacking and defending.

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Homework

Reading

We encourage all children to read for a short time every day at home. We welcome the positive comments you make in the reading record and appreciate the time you take to listen to your child. Every day, we expect the children to bring in their book bag and place their reading record book and their reading book in the red 'reading book box' in the cloakroom.

Reading Miles Challenge

In Year 3, we are challenging the children to read their way around the world in order to complete their reading miles passport. 5 reads at home is the equivalent of 500 miles. We will award the children with a certificate for the different journeys that they complete. Each child will receive a prize when they complete their passport.

Spellings

Children will be given spellings and homework on Monday which should be returned by Friday. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

Times Tables

Your child will also bring home a piece of maths work each Monday which will be linked directly to helping them develop greater fluency with their times tables. Your child will also take part in a weekly tables challenge on a Friday which is called 'Tables through time.' They will work their way through the historical timeline as they progress with their tables. Please encourage your child to practise their tables at home. We always have spare sheets for each stage of the tables challenge and each week your child will bring home their completed tables challenge sheet, so you can see how they are progressing.

Termly Life Skill Challenge linked to our Science Topic

Can you select a person in your family to create a healthy balanced meal for? Think about how they spend their day and what their dietary requirements are. You could email us pictures of your meal, create a presentation to share with the class, write instructions for how to make the meal you chose or you could draw a picture and label the meal that you made. We hope you enjoy cooking and your chosen family member loves feasting on your creativity.

Expectations in Year 3

Children throughout the school are encouraged at all times to be polite, diligent and hard working. We want the children to do the best they can and feel a sense of pride and achievement in everything they do. House points and stickers are given to individuals as reward for excellent behaviour, attitudes and work. Children will also continue to have their own personal reward card, where they can work towards a small treat once it has been completed.

We hope you will find this information useful. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask us. Please don't forget to take a look at our class page on the school's website (www.stminver.org) where you will find photos of the different learning taking place in Year 3.

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