

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Summer Term 2019



Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday. For our final term in Year 3 we will be studying two topics. The first half term we will be looking at the Stone Age and the second half term will be Rainforests. A lot of our learning will be based around these topics, however the children will also be learning about the following this half term:

<p>Maths We will be focusing on fractions and time, as well as properties of shape, mass and capacity. Some of our maths will also be linked to our topic, where we will be carrying out some exciting investigations; applying our mathematical skills of problem solving and reasoning. Some of the investigations we will be carrying out are: Designing, measuring and making stone age weapons. Working out Stone Age Maths and code breaking their mathematical system. Investigating rainfall in tropical rainforests and plotting data to show this. We practise mental maths daily and weekly complete a maths challenge, if we are the top mathematician or most improved that week, we are mentioned in Celebration Assembly.</p>		<p>English In English we start our topics with a cold task, to assess the children's understanding of the genre, before teaching key features and strategies; this will then be assessed at the end of the unit with a hot task. Our writing focus will be; instructions and non chronological reports, poems, adventure stories and myths and legends. We will be applying our compositional skills through writing leaflets about the stone Age and the Rainforests, as well as writing instructions about how to make a stone age clay pot. We will be looking at the film Madagascar and writing our own adventure stories set in a rainforest. Grammar will be taught regularly, either as a standalone lesson or integrated into the English lesson. We also complete regular handwriting lessons each week.</p>		
<p>Science Year 3 are studying 'Rocks' and 'Scientists and Inventors'. As well as carrying out a range of practical investigations, where we will be focusing on our scientific enquiry by researching, observing, pattern seeking, carrying out fair tests and identifying and classifying.</p>		<p>Cross Curriculum Learning Art and DT will be taught through our Stone Age topic; cave art, clay pots and animals. As will History, with the children finding answers to the questions they posed to start the topic. In Geography we will be learning about the mysteries of tropical rainforests, from the layers of the forest and its animal inhabitants to the unique climate found in the tropics. We will also be exploring some of the conservations issues surrounding destruction of rainforests and creating information booklets about them. We will regularly have Outdoor Learning, which will often be linked to our topic.</p>		
<p>PE Athletics</p>	<p>RE How does religion help us to understand right and wrong?</p>	<p>French All about me</p>	<p>Music Year 3 - Violins</p>	<p>Computing Year 3 are focusing on databases, stimulation and graphing.</p>

<p>PSHE Themes We will be focusing on relationships; friendships and feelings.</p>	<p>Visits Tuesday 30th April - Visit to Hadleigh's Roundhouse.</p>
<p>Homework: Every other week the children will be expected to complete a section from their cross curriculum homework. They will also be set fortnightly My Maths homework online. The children will also receive weekly spellings and a times table challenge to practise; this is in their home/school book. Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week. Homework goes out on a Friday and is due in on a Thursday, some pieces fortnightly. There is a homework club in school on a Monday lunchtime that Year 3 children can attend.</p>	<p>General Notices: Pupils may come into school from 8.40am. They are allowed to bring a water bottle in to class with them, which is a good idea with the improved weather. Should you need to talk to the class teacher please either; write a note in the home/school contact book, leave a message via the office, via teacher@hinguar.southend.sch.uk or catch the teacher after school once they have seen all the children to their parents.</p>
<p>Please encourage your child to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Come into school ready to learn. -To be in the correct school uniform. -Be in the classroom by 8.50am. -Read at home to an adult regularly and record this in the reading record. -Complete weekly homework, practise timetables and spellings. -Have the appropriate PE kit in school. (PE is on a Tuesday) 	<p>Hinguar Star If your child remains in the learning zone at school and completes their homework including reading each week, they will receive their Hinguar Star, which will be stamped into their home school book, this will be checked and stamped on a Friday.</p> <p>DBS Checked If you have been DBS checked and have an hour or two to spare each week, please let us know if you would like to come and help in class with reading or other activities.</p> <p>Key Dates Friday 24th May Teacher Training Day Tuesday 4th June Class Photos Tuesday 11th June Sports Day Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th June Father's Day Lunch</p>

