



Year 3 Newsletter

Stones & Bones



In **English** we will be continuing to look at some incredible literature, including *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward, *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* by Michael Morpurgo and *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. These books, and others, will help us explore the entire English curriculum and cover many genres.

In **Maths** we will continue to use *Maths No Problem*. For the first two weeks we will be learning how to measure different items using centimetres, metres and kilometres. We will also be converting different units of measurement as well as comparing different lengths. We will then move onto measuring mass using scales. We will use units to measure mass, specifically grams and kilograms. We will become well-versed in reading weighing scales that have different values for each marking. We will also be using bar modelling, which will be the key strategy used to solve the word problems.

Topic: Our topic this term will be *Stones & Bones: The story of Stone Age man*. We will be learning about how they lived, how they evolved and create cave paintings. We will be covering:

- An overview of life in Britain from ancient until medieval times.
- Comparing some of the times studied with those of other areas of interest around the world.
- Describing the social, ethnic, cultural or religious diversity of past society.
- Describing the characteristic features of the past, including ideas, beliefs, attitudes and experiences of men, women and children.
- Placing events, artefacts and historical figures on a time line using dates.
- Understanding the concept of change over time, representing this, along with evidence, on a time line.

Our PE days will be Monday and Wednesday for Cedar class, Monday and Thursday for Birch class.

Your child will need an indoor and outdoor kit at school.

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Designated Child Protection Officers: Mrs Pritchard, Mrs Stephens, Mrs Cutting, Mrs Edmond, Mrs Green and Mrs J Pritchard.

Homework Expectations for Year 3

Subject	Type of work	Time per week
Reading	A selection of fiction and non-fiction	20 mins – daily
English	Work linked to current text-type being taught (alternate weeks)	20 mins – x1 a fortnight
Spellings	Spelling lists linked to rules taught	15 mins – daily
Maths	Mathletics work set by teacher, related to the unit being taught in class	x1 a week
	Activities related to classwork (alternate weeks)	20 mins – x1 activity a fortnight
	Learning multiplication tables: x2 to x12 (all)	10 mins – daily
Topic	Topic linked to Behaviours for Learning	Termly

The Kingsfield Homework Challenge:

Hi, children! Desperate to do a bit of extra homework and really impress your teachers? Well now you can, with The Kingsfield Family Behaviours for Learning Extra Homework Challenge! You may even receive extra Kingsfield Coins for your efforts. This will depend on the following factors: the amount of effort you put in; the presentation of the work you bring back, and the accuracy of the work itself. Coins will be awarded at your teacher's discretion. You may even be asked to showcase your work in assembly, in class, or for it to go on the Behaviours for Learning display in school.

The Homework Challenge can be completed anytime in the first half term and during the half term holiday. Please return all Homework Challenges by Friday 1st March.

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There are so many fantastic facts to learn about the Stone Age — Curious Colin asks “*What did they eat? What did they wear? How did they survive?*” Create a beautiful fact book or poster to reveal your findings.

Creative Chloe asks you to *explore outside to find different rock types. Turn the rocks you find into a work of art. You could paint a rock, or arrange the rocks to make a design/pattern. Take a photo of these.*

Caleb the Operator asks ‘Can you create a shadow puppet theatre linked with our work on light in Science.’

