



6th September 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you had a lovely summer. Your children have settled into school brilliantly; we are so very proud of them! Thank you for all your kind messages of support in this extraordinary situation, they really do mean a lot.

As the children begin an exciting year in Year 3, we thought it would be useful to give a brief overview of the first term that we have been busy planning.

	1st half term	2nd half term
Writing	Most of our writing will be based on our Stone Age topic. We will be looking at: *Punctuation and Grammar expectations *Stone Age letter writing *Adventure stories *Christmas poems *Christmas instruction writing The English curriculum also includes a strong grammar and spelling focus. Next week, you will receive information about Spelling Shed, which is a whole school spelling programme. These spellings are set on a Friday.	
Reading	Reading is important to increase vocabulary and cement comprehension. It is essential that children read regularly at home (at least 5 times a week). Reading for pleasure increases fluency and it is fun. We encourage the children to read a wide range of books, including non-fiction such as newspapers, information books or biographies. All children will have regular Whole Reading sessions and some children will have individual reading with an adult, but the main body of their reading practice should take place at home. A list of suggested reads for Year 3 is attached. Children should also aim to read as much as possible at home from any other texts you have. A reading diary will also be coming home soon.	
Class Novels	The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley Grimwood by Nadia Shireen	
Maths	Topics for this term include addition and numbers to 1,000. Pupils will be encouraged to increase their reasoning and problem solving skills by applying their knowledge and skills to a range of problems and talking about strategies they have used. Please help your child to practise their times tables at home. We cannot stress enough how important fluency in these are. Pupils will receive a login for Times Tables Rockstars, which they will be expected to use regularly at home, to help them learn their times tables.	
Science	Rocks and soils	Health and Movement
History	We will be studying The Stone Age. We will be going on a trip to Barleylands for a Stone Age Day on 15th October. Details to follow.	
Geography	The UK, World continents and oceans and our local area.	
Art	We will be looking at cave paintings and interpreting them, later using a range of natural resources to create our own cave art. We will be exploring colour mixing and silhouettes and creating our own silhouette pictures from photos we have taken.	
DT	Learning about how different food is grown and relating this to farming in the Stone Age.	We will be creating Christmas craft.
Music	Stone Age themed	Learning and performing Christmas songs for our Nativity.

PE	Our PE topics include:
Computing	Children will be learning about E safety and how to code using the program Scratch.
RE	In RE we will be comparing different religions using the theme of 'Light' and learning about Christianity and 'Salvation'.
PSHE	The PSHE themes this term are 'being me in my world' and 'celebrating differences.'

**Last year, lots of children loved getting their own copy of the class novels and reading along with us. We are happy if they want to do this but please make sure they keep the rest of the book a surprise for the others.*

Equipment

Your child must not bring a pencil case; we will provide all writing equipment. Lunchboxes and water bottles should be named and taken home each day for regular cleaning.

Outdoor PE is on Wednesdays. Indoor PE will be on Monday.

PE Kit: On PE days, children will wear their sports kit to school instead of their uniform. A track suit (dark colours if possible please) or shorts can be worn with their PE t-shirt. All kit should be named. (For more information on kit, please refer to the school's website). Earrings should be removed on PE days. Hair longer than shoulder-length must be tied back. If your child is unable to take part in PE activities, it is a requirement that you inform the teacher in writing. They should then come in regular school uniform.

Homework

It is important that you set homework expectations early on with your child so they can get into a manageable routine.

- Reading five times a week.
- Regular spelling and time tables practise on Spelling Shed and TTRS.
- A homework grid is attached with extra homework activities based on our Stone Age topic. At this time, we ask that any homework completed is photographed and emailed to us at the Year 3 address below and we will aim to share and celebrate this in class.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. Please email us directly at Year3@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible. For matters which require urgent attention, please call the school office.

We look forward to an exciting year and we thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

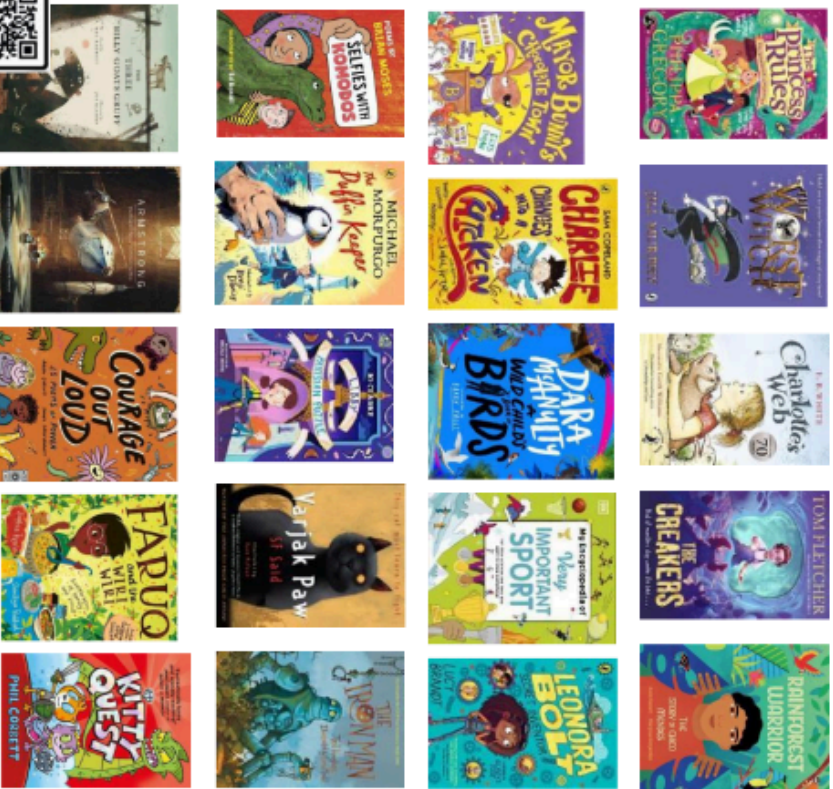
Mrs Arnold and Mrs Larrad (Apple)

Mrs O'Connor (Birch)

50 Recommended Reads for ...

Year 3

(ages 7-8)



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