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Year 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year 3 this half term.

Curriculum

Our half term topic is '**Tribal Tales**' and the main focus for this topic will be **History**

Memorable Experience: During this half term the children will take part in an Iron Age workshop, exploring the tools, clothes and diets of prehistoric people.

D&T: Pupils will look at examples of woven nets used for hunting and gathering during prehistoric time then using newspaper and card strips create their own woven basket.

English: Our genres for this half term will be narrating and persuasion and our class text will be 'Stig of the dump' by Clive King. Using the book the children will create their own narrative story of meeting a person from the past. We will be encouraging the children to use extended noun phrases, write in paragraphs and use ambitious vocabulary. An ongoing target for children this term will be to self-correct their work, suggesting ways to improve it.

Maths: Pupils will :

- Compare and order fractions with the same denominator.
- Recognise equivalent fractions.
- Calculating the perimeter of rectangles and 2d shapes, in centimetres and metres
- Recognising perpendicular and parallel lines.
- Understanding how many millilitres are equal to $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$ of 1 litre.
- Reading scales to the nearest 100 millimetre.
- Reading and writing time to the minute on a 12 hour analogue and digital clocks.

Science: Pupils will be investigating the functions of different parts of flowering plants. Exploring the requirements of plants for life and growth and how they vary from plant to plant.

Geography: Pupils will look at a range of maps and aerial images to find and observe Iron Age hill forts, describing their features.

History: Pupils will investigate Prehistoric Britain, from the stone Age to the Iron Age, understanding why these periods are described in these terms, including looking at the use of weapons and tools, settlements, clothing and food of people living during these times. The children will also be investigating the roles of archaeologists, methods used, how finds are recorded and how excavations are carried out.

Computing: The pupils will use the laptops to support research in our history and geography topics.

Music: Pupils will develop an understanding of the history of music as well as appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians

Art & Design: Pupils will look at investigate Neolithic art on cave walls. Looking at what the symbols/ pictures represented and how the drawings were made. The children will then create their own cave art.

P.E: Pupils in 3 Kudu will be swimming. Our other P.E focus will be taking part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team

Homework:

- **To practise reading the time, to the nearest minute on an analogue clock.**
- **To fill measuring jugs with water and accurately read the scale on the container.**
- **To read a book of their choice every night and record in home/school contact book.**
- **To read a range of poetry.**
- **To learn weekly spellings.**

Reading

Please encourage your children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books as frequently as possible.

However, as our new topic this half term is historically based, it would be beneficial for your child to use a variety of non-fiction books to help them investigate the past, particularly the stone and Iron Age in Britain. Encourage your child to look at how the books are structured differently, e.g. contents pages, indexes, pictures and labels.

Kind regards,

Ms Shiels, Mrs Quinlan, Miss Mason, Miss Dcaccia
Year 3 Classroom Teachers