



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 3 – Curriculum Letter – Spring Term

Welcome back – I hope you all feel rested and refreshed after the Christmas break. We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting events and activities going on.

This term's topic

Our topic for this term, which will run through to Easter, is “Stone Age, Bronze Age & Iron Age”. The children have already shown a fascination and interest in this period of history, and we got off to an exciting start with this on Tuesday when we were joined by local history expert Paul Ullson. We found out about this early period of human existence, got to feel some animal furs and pelts, and made our own ‘cave paintings’. As part of our topic, we’ll be going on a trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Wednesday 22nd February – further details will be sent separately later this month.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings for the first half term. Our Tuesday sessions will be football and our Friday session will be dance, led by Rachel Royce. As the field is likely to be quite muddy for the next few months, it may be worth having separate clothes for these two sessions, for example longer jogging bottoms for football and a pair of shorts for dance. Similarly, pupils are welcome to bring in and wear studded boots for football if they have them. We will endeavour to send PE kits home on a Friday – please do give these a wash over the weekend as they are likely to be more muddy than usual.

Reading

Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. This could include school reading books (fiction and non-fiction), magazines, comics or anything else which takes their interest. In fact, the wider the range of genres that your child reads the better. We are beginning to think this year about how to tailor writing for different audiences, purposes and genres, so reading a range of texts will help them really understand how writing differs depending on the context. Reading comment books will continue to be used to record reading progress – we really appreciate your continued effort here. Please encourage your child to put their reading comments book and reading book back in their book bags each night so that they are available during the school day.

Home learning

A home learning task will continue to be set once each week, typically in either Literacy or Maths but occasionally in other subjects as well. Home learning aims to reinforce a key concept the children have learnt at school. This will usually be set each Wednesday and due in again the following Monday. Additional copies of the home learning, if required, are left in folders in the classroom. Occasionally you may wish to add a comment on to your child’s home learning if there is anything you feel I should know about how they got on. Spellings also form part of their home learning and will also be given out and tested every Wednesday. We really appreciate your continued support in helping your child to complete their home learning on time.

Thank you

Mrs. Rattray, Mrs. Turner and I would like to say a big thank you to Year 3 parents and carers for the extremely kind and thoughtful gifts and cards we received at Christmas. We feel very lucky – thank you for your generosity!

I know that this is going to be another exciting term, and the Year 3 staff have already really enjoyed starting our learning with the children for 2023. If you have any concerns or questions, please come in and see me at the end of the school day, or telephone the office to make an appointment if it is more convenient.

Best wishes,

Mr. Vass
Y3 class teacher