

ENGLISH

As Writers, we will be using texts linked to our theme to write recounts, instructions and informal letters.

We will be learning how to:

- Use prepositions
- How to write dialogue using inverted commas
- Use a range of sentence openers
- Extend our sentences with a wider range of conjunctions

We will also focus on tone and register and begin to explore how we write differently depending on the audience we are writing for.

Of course, we will also continue to challenge ourselves to improve our cursive handwriting!

MATHEMATICS

As Mathematicians, we will be focussing on addition and subtraction moving from using concrete resources to formal methods including exchanging.

We will continue to practise our 3 times table and begin learning our 4s too.

Make sure you use TT Rockstars to practise at home!

READING

As Readers, we will continue to read a range of texts of different genres and will be challenging ourselves to increase our reading stamina to read longer texts.

We will continue to practise inferring, hunting for clues in the text to suggest what might be happening or how a character might be feeling. We will also be using our inference skills to help us understand the meaning of new words we encounter by reading a word in context and suggesting synonyms.

ROCKS AND RAINDROPS!

Year 3 - Term 1

P.E (Monday)

As Runners and Orienteers, we will be putting our fitness and problem solving skills to the test! We are aiming to increase our stamina, learn how to pace ourselves for distance running, learn to read simple maps, work in a team to complete an orienteering course. **Please ensure that your child comes to school in a full PE kit including trainers. Children will be completing lessons outside if the weather is fine so they should wear jumpers and tracksuits.**

HISTORY

As Historians, we are going to be continuing our journey through prehistoric times from the Stone Age to Iron Age. We will be finding out how the discovery of bronze and iron changed life in Britain.

We will also move on to study the Water Cycle and we will be learning about the geography of Bristol Harbour and the River Severn.

SCIENCE

As Scientists, we will continue our investigations into rocks and soils, starting with a visit from an environmental scientist!

We will be embedding our understanding of the properties of the 3 types of rocks and the rock cycle through hands on experiments.

DT

As Designers, we will use the design process to investigate, design and make our own prehistoric tools - please get collecting kitchen roll tubes and other useful recycling to help us out!

ART

As Artists, we will be sketching prehistoric tools and weapons to help us in our designing. We will also be researching prehistoric cave paintings and creating our own pieces.

WIDER CURRICULUM

Year 3 will be taking part in Forest School on **Wednesday mornings**.

Please send your child to school wearing clothes and shoes suitable for Forest School. They need to bring their school uniform with them too to change at lunchtime.

We are hoping to run a parent event as part of our DT project making prehistoric tools. Date TBC - please keep an eye out for messages.

With thanks, Mrs Cook (class teacher)