

Year 3/4 Newsletter

Dates for your diary!

Monday 24th February: INSET Day

**Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday
Celebration of the Word (parents invited),
Parents evening**

**Thursday 6th March: World Book Day, Parents
evening**

**Tuesday 11th March: Mrs Youngs's class Mass
at St Francis at 10 am**

Friday 14th March: Go Green for CAFOD

Saturday 22nd March: Big Lent Walk

**Tuesday 25th March: Stone Age Day
workshops in school**

A message for parents

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term break and are ready for the term ahead.

We are all really excited to get started with all our fabulous subjects which are detailed below. Forest school will continue to be on a Monday afternoon so please make sure wellies and appropriate clothing are in school on these days. PE will be on Mondays AND Thursdays this year so correct PE kits will need to be on school for both days so we suggest bringing in a PE kit on a Monday and leaving it all week. Forest school kit can stay in school all half term.

It really helps us to keep everyone's belongings safe and return lost items if they are labelled with your child's name so please make sure all items are labelled. Please note that pencil cases, including everlasting pencils, and over-sized water bottles (e.g. Stanley style) are not allowed in school as we are really limited on space. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support with any of the above.

Many thanks, Mrs Newham, Mrs Oldershaw and Mrs Young.

Writing

This half term, we will be using two texts:
Stone Age Boy
Stone Age to Iron Age

We will use these texts as inspiration for all our writing across the half term.
Children will have the opportunity to write a diary and a non-chronological report.

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Maths

To begin the year, both year groups will be completing White Rose blocks on:
Year 3: Fractions and Mass & Capacity
Year 3/4: Fractions and Mass & Capacity
Year 4: Fractions and Decimals

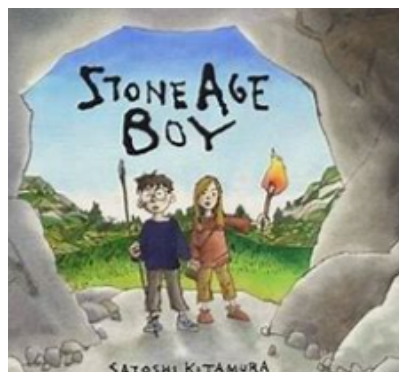
They will also continue their CLIC sessions to recall and retrieve basic skills in maths.

Reading

In our reading sessions, all children will draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.
We will also use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.

We will also be starting our whole class reading books too.

Texts



RE

This term our RE topic is called 'Desert to Garden'.
Year 3 will explore the scripture, the feeding of the five thousand, the Last Supper, they will make links between the Last Supper and Mass.

Year 4 will explore the parable, The Prodigal Son and will study and sequence the events of Holy week.
They will also be finding out about the corporal works of mercy.

Science

This term, we will explore light and darkness as the absence of light. They will learn how light reflects off surfaces, recognise the dangers of sunlight, and discover ways to protect their eyes. We will also investigate shadows and classify light sources as natural, like the sun, and artificial, such as lamps..

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History

This term, we will learn about how people lived from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will explore how Stone Age people were nomadic and used simple tools for hunting. We'll discover the Neolithic Revolution, when farming began. Later, in the Bronze Age, we'll see how settlements grew and trade became important. Finally, we will investigate Iron Age life and important places like Stonehenge and hill forts.

Computing

Year 3 will make branching databases using yes/no questions. We will work with a partner to share what we learn.

This term, Year 4 will explore data loggers, analysing data with computers, and testing planned processes for their effectiveness.

Art

This half term will focus on teaching children the use of shapes, shading, and texture in art to enhance their drawing skills. It emphasises developing a sense of light and dark, using frottage for texture, and experimenting with different tools to create expressive and abstract art.

PSHE

Our topic in PSHE is Economic Wellbeing.

This term, we will explore budgeting, investigate job stereotypes, examine career options, compare spending and saving, and analyse why stereotypes shouldn't dictate career paths.

Music

This term, we will be practising our performance skills. We will focus on performing the Easter Play songs and performing them with confidence

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PE

This term, Year 3, will be developing their athletics skills through practising their sprinting technique, developing their handover technique in relay, and investigating jumping positions and jumping techniques. They will also be practising their ball skills.

This term, Year 4 will practise their invasion game skills in Handball. They will work on teamwork, tactics, possession as well as dribbling, shooting, throwing and catching.

Forest Schools

This half term, pupils will continue to develop their skills with knots, rules, nature art and den building, as well as developing their skills when using a range of tools.

Please ensure that children have brought a pair of wellies (with socks) to keep at school for Forest Schools. Please also remember the children will continue to need their arms and legs covered for each session.

French

In French, we are learning about items in a French classroom. We are also learning how to ask and answer questions and read and understand short sentences about the topic: In a French classroom.