



Year 3 Curriculum Letter Autumn Term 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and I am really looking forward to teaching your children this year. This term our topic is **It's a Hard Rock Life**, which looks at an enormous period of pre-history covering the Stone age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age, so a lot of our learning will be based around this. The children will also be learning about the following:

<p>Maths</p> <p>We will be focusing on number this term including place value, addition & subtraction and multiplication & division. The children will be learning strategies for mental and written calculations working with numbers up to 1000.</p> <p>We will learn how to exchange and cross over when adding and subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers and how to estimate calculations. The children will also learn how to multiply and divide using their 3, 4 and 8 times tables.</p> <p>We will regularly apply our mathematical skills of problem solving and reasoning to calculate the answers to more complex challenges. Please help your child to build fluency with their times tables by practising at home regularly.</p>	<p>English</p> <p>Our writing focuses will be; Narratives, Poetry, Explanation Texts and Instructional Texts. We will be applying our Dictionary and Thesaurus skills regularly to assist in improving our vocabulary range.</p> <p>Spellings are integrated into the whole class English lesson. If you would like to practice spellings at home, please use the Year 3 and 4 word list which can be found in your home/school diary.</p> <p>Grammar will be taught regularly, either as a standalone lesson or integrated into the English lesson and we will cover Nouns and Pronouns, Adjectives, Consonants and Vowels, Suffixes, Past Tense, Present Tense, Subordinate Clauses, 'A' or 'An', Prefixes, and Apostrophes.</p> <p>We will also complete regular handwriting lessons each week.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>We have two science units this term.</p> <p>Rocks: the children will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed; compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties; learn how fossils are formed; learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology and investigate the permeability of different types of soil.</p> <p>Forces and Magnets: the children will learn about forces, friction and magnetic attraction. They will learn about forces in the context of pushing and pulling; investigate friction; learn to identify magnetic materials; investigate the strength of different types of magnets and explore the way magnetic poles can attract and repel.</p>	<p>History</p> <p>The children will learn about the periods of prehistory known as the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. They will study the role of archaeologists and by what means we have found information about ancient man before humans could write and record events that took place. They will also learn about daily life for early man and look at examples of aboriginal cave paintings.</p> <p>Geography</p> <p>This unit on land use provides children with the chance to take a careful look at the places around them and let them begin to look for patterns in land use. They will become cartographers, making maps of the local area, and agricultural surveyors by considering where different types of farming activities occur within the UK.</p>

PE/Forest Schools Children must come to school in full school P.E. kit every Friday. Our units this term are Dance and Gymnastics. Forest schools will be on a Tuesday. More information to follow regarding clothing etc when the weather begins to turn.	RE What do different people believe about God?	French All about me and getting to know you. Learning how to meet and greet people in French.	Music Charanga - Three Little Birds and Dragon Song	Computing Coding Online Safety
PSHE Themes How can we be a good friend? Friendships, making positive friendships, managing loneliness, dealing with arguments. What keeps us safe? Keeping safe; at home and school; our bodies; hygiene; medicines and household products			Visits Friday 20th October 2023 - Stone Age Workshop (More details to follow)	
Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 will be set weekly Maths and English homework - this may be in their homework books or online via MyMaths, Purple Mash or Spag.comEvery fortnight the children may complete a section from their cross-curriculum homework grid. This should be handed in on the last Thursday of the two-week period so that work can be acknowledged, and homework books returned to the children on Friday. Please do not hand in more than one assignment every fortnight.Children should practice their times table; this is in their Reading Record. The Reading Challenge is also in this book.Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week.		Please encourage your child to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Come into school ready to learn.Be in the correct school uniform.Be in the playground by 8.45am.Read at home to an adult regularly who can record this in the reading record.Take part in the Reading Challenge.Complete weekly homework.Practise timetables.Practise spellings. Key Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Friday 20th October 2023 - Stone age to Iron Age workshop in school		

General Notices:

Pupils may come into school from 8.35am. They are allowed to bring a water bottle into class with them, which is a good idea to keep them hydrated.

Should you need to talk to the class teacher please either; write a note in the home/school contact book, leave a message via the office, via teachers@hinguar.secat.co.uk or catch the teacher after school once they have seen all the children to their parents.

Hinguar Star

If your child remains in the learning zone at school and completes their homework including reading each week, they will receive their Hinguar Star, which will be stamped into their Reading Record. This will be checked and stamped on a Friday.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs O'Donnell