

Year 3 Class Newsletter *Autumn 2020*



Welcome back following a long time away from school, it's great to have you with us!

Welcome to Year 3!

There are lots of exciting topics, such as our autumn 'Stone Age to Iron Age' topic, and many more learning opportunities in year 3, and we're excited that your child is beginning their journey through the juniors.

Class Dojo

During these uncertain times, we think it's really important to have a strong communication system between school and home, and this is why we use Class Dojo. If you aren't connected, we'll send your child home with easy instructions on how to do this, and we can also email you an invite (it might end up in your spam folder, so check there if you don't receive one). You can find out more about Class Dojo for parents by searching online. General queries on Class Dojo regarding uniform, snacks, meals and holiday dates can be directed to the school office or you can check the information on our school website:

www.nantwichprimaryacademy.co.uk

Homework

We will update you as conditions allow for weekly homework and bigger homework projects to become accessible. Weekly homework will include reading, spellings and maths fluency questions that will help build basic skills and confidence. Keep an eye on Class Dojo announcements, or keep an eye on our Year 3 page on the school website.

Online Homework

Again, on our school website, you will find many links at the bottom of the main page (these are also at the bottom of your child's class page too!). Many support skills in English and mathematics, but also cover different curriculum areas too. A sensible amount of time online is always the best policy, but if a little here and there will help your child become more confident in a particular area. please use these links.

Reading Books & Reading Diaries

We're really eager to get going with home reading books and diaries, but keep an eye out for updates on when pupils will be bringing these and their diaries home. Please try and read any books they may have at home in the meantime, and to read anything is always brilliant practice at building decoding skills.

Growth Mindset & Word Aware

This term we know that growth mindset will be a vital skill in keeping a positive approach to learning after a long and difficult absence from school, for some longer than others. We'll also be learning a new word every day and looking at it in context, and trying to apply it to our work. You can search for 'Word Aware Rap' on You Tube as this is the song we'll use to practice our new words. It's very short and easy.

Learning Powers

As always, we'll be celebrating learning powers in class and showcasing who is really trying to be resourceful, resilient, reciprocal, respectful, risk-taking, responsible and reflective in their learning. ☺

Clubs

Information about clubs will be announced either via letter or the usual contact methods as we have more information on the situation of what can happen, how and where. Thanks for your understanding with this.

PE Kit

Your child will have their PE lesson each Tuesday, and they should come to school in their PE kit on that day, not in school uniform. If this advice changes, we will of course let you know. You can find information about our PE kit on our school website / contact the office.

Uniform

School Uniform should be correctly worn at all times this can be found on the school website.

<https://www.nantwichprimaryacademy.org/uniform>

Year 3 Autumn Curriculum 2020

English

English

In Guided Reading we will be focusing our work around the story 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. In addition, we will be reading Stig of the Dump as our class story, by Clive King. We will use this text and our history topic of pre-Roman Britain (Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age) to build our writing skills and learning how to engage the reader. In addition, we will be looking at improving our spelling, punctuation and grammar through daily focus tasks and some weekly challenges.

Numeracy

Place value

Addition and subtraction

Multiplication and division

We will be looking to really improve our speed at adding numbers to 10, 20 and 100.

Also, we want to become more confident and speedy at multiplying and dividing using our times tables.

Science

Healthy Bones (Animals including humans)

- Role of the skeleton
- Nutrition and diet

Rocks

- Properties of rocks/soils
- Classification
- Fossil formation

History

Stone Age

Bronze Age

Iron Age

(Pre-Roman Britain)

Design & Technology

Linking this subject with our topic, we will be looking at Stone Age tools and structures, designing something for a character from the Stone Age.

RE / PSHE

Harvest, Stories from the Bible, Christmas
Confidence, active citizens, healthy living, relationships

ICT/Computing

Organising and presenting work in a variety of forms.

Music

Reflect on music and say how it makes people feel, act and move. Develop compositional skills, experience a variety of instruments, and sing to an audience.

Reminders

Reading diaries/Reading books

Each child will soon have a reading diary and reading book for home reading. Please try to read every night you can with any books or apps you may have at home in the meantime. When you read at home with your child, do write in the diary once you receive it, as we can then reward your child for their efforts.

STEM

One of our curriculum aims this year will be the continued development of cross-curricular learning through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This will include visits to our STEM DEN once conditions allow and enrichment days developing problem solving, creativity, teamwork, independent thinking and communication

Snack

Snacks are available each day with bacon rolls on Fridays! Monday to Friday is a choice of fruit cuplet or still water. Online payment is required for the whole week in advance by the previous Friday. No money should come in to school, and methods of online payment can be clarified by contacting our school office, if you do not currently have this set up.

Dinner

At the time of writing we have an interim-autumn dinner menu (accessible on our school website or please contact the school office for more information. Payment for the whole week must be made online by the previous Friday.

Each day there are 2 warm and 1 cold options and in addition to this, your child will be able to enjoy vegetable sticks and the drink choice of that day.

And finally...

Year 3 have made a brilliant start to their return to school in the first few days. I'm really looking forward to sharing stories of success with you as we progress through the term.

Regards, Mr. Bebbington