

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Key stage 2! We are so excited to have your children with us.

Maple Class – Your child's teacher is **Miss McKay**.

Pine Class – Your child's teacher is **Mrs Waistell** from Monday-Thursday and on Friday it will be **Mrs Akhtar**.

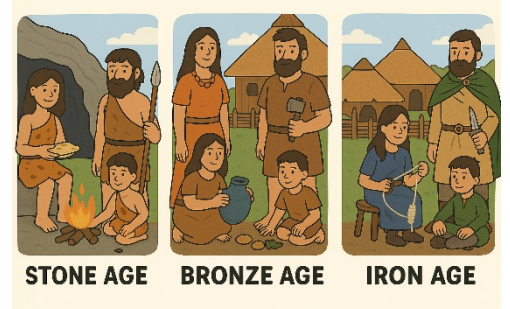
Your child will also work with **Mrs Bibi, Mrs Begum, Mrs Khan and Mrs Panchani**.

Your children have made a fantastic start to the new school year, and the Year 3 team are so impressed with how happy and settled the children are. It has been lovely to meet all parents and carers, and we would like to say a big "thank you" for helping us settle your child back into school.

Learning Challenge:

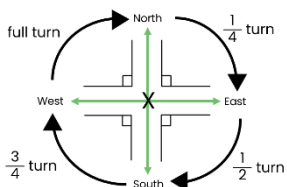
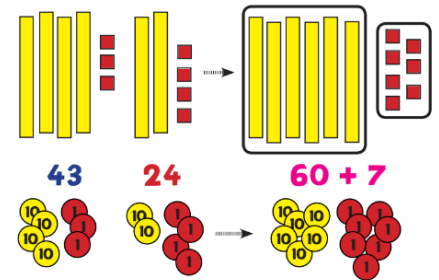
For our first term our learning challenge is 'What was the Ancient Britons' greatest invention?'

This will be linked to History where children will explore the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be experiencing some of the Stone Age conditions in an exciting forest school adventure with Mrs Nuttall. We will be learning about the different eras of the Stone Age and how the discovery of bronze and iron shaped Britain. We will then decide which was the best invention during those Ages and explain our reasons why.



Our science topic will be focusing on animals including humans. We will be exploring the human skeleton for the first time by identifying and naming bones. We will then build on our knowledge of the skeleton by looking at joints and learning about the effects of different food groups on the body.

In **Mathematics**, we will start with Place Value which means we will work on our number sense to 100 and then to 1000. They will be representing these numbers and partitioning so they can clearly see the number of tens and ones that each number is made up of. They will be using number lines, and manipulatives, such as Numicon, cubes and dienes. They will also begin to flexibly partition numbers to 1000 and compare and order numbers with 1000. This will support the children with addition and subtraction, where they will apply their numbers bonds within 10 to add and subtract 1s, 10s and 100s. They will be recognising patterns so they can use the most effective mental strategy such as partition jot, make the next ten, bridging etc.



Towards the end of the half term, the children will look at statistics and shape. They will be drawing and interpreting pictograms and bar charts. For shape, they will be recognising turns, angles and drawing and comparing them. They will be learning new words such as parallel and perpendicular and using them to solve mathematical problems.

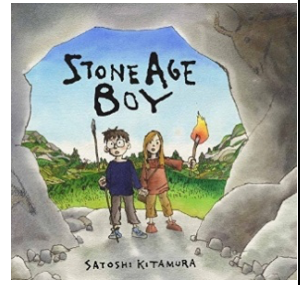
Times Tables - We will be practising times tables throughout the year. It is vital that your child knows them quickly and confidently. They will need to know the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8 and 11 times tables by the end of the year.

To help your child learn the times tables and the related division facts, they will need lots of practise at home too. They will be given a **TTRockstars** login to help them with this.



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In **English** we started our year by looking at recounts as we will be writing a recount about our Stone Age Day. We will be looking at the features of recounts and practising the skills that are needed for recounts before we write one independently. We will then be focusing on the story 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. We will be learning about the characters and the setting. Will be also be using our 'Reading Gems' to predict, sequence and infer what is happening in the story.



Throughout the half term, the children will be expected to use their skills from Year 2 such as using the correct punctuation, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases.

We will also be spending a lot of time on handwriting, spelling and grammar in our English lessons.

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Children will continue to have group reading practise sessions. Each week they will learn to read a book well and then will share this in eBook format with you at home. **Please log on to your child's Collins Hub website to access this. If you need any help accessing eBooks, please let your child's teacher know.** As well as an eBook your child will continue to bring home a decodable

reading book to share with you. Please sign your child's reading record to let us know your child has read at home. You can also make comments on your child's reading if you wish, but there is not expectation to do so.

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Children also have access to Purple Mash Library which has over 250 eBooks, designed for both home use to boost reading engagement. It offers age-appropriate fiction and non-fiction, including DK Learning books, with interactive features like audio narration, comprehension quizzes, and grammar activities.

Other areas of learning

PE days are Mondays with Mr Nuttall and Friday with their class teacher - It is vital that your child wears their correct PE clothing which is a plain white t-shirt, black leggings or jogging bottoms with trainers or pumps. They can wear their school jumper too and must come to school in their PE kits. Earrings and jewellery are **not** to be worn due to Health and Safety.

Computing – We will start off Computing with eSafety, where we will learn about our 'digital footprint'. We will look at our self-image and taught how to make strong passwords. We will then start our coding topic, where the children will explore timers, the repeat command and the importance of nesting code.

Art – In Art this half term we will be looking at the Artists Da Vinci and Henry Moore. We will be looking at their work and comparing them.

RE – How do different people express their religion and spirituality?

PSHE – The children will be focusing on their health and wellbeing. We will be looking at our feelings moving into Year 3 and what things we can do make ourselves feel less worried/anxious.

Spanish – In Year 3, we will begin by learning simple greetings and how to ask and answer "How are you?" in Spanish. To support learning at home, try watching familiar cartoons in Spanish or listening to Spanish songs to help children recognise common words and phrases.

Home learning: We will be given tasks each week related to what they've done in class that they can do in their homework books. We will also be using Purple Mash, where they will be given digital homework tasks called '2Dos'. Your child will be given a login so they can complete the activities which will be automatically saved for the teachers to review.

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We are really looking forward to working with you, your child and your family this year. If you have any worries or questions, then please do talk to us at drop off and picking up times.

The Year 3 Team 😊

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th September – Pine Stone Age Day

Monday 14th September – Maple Stone Age Day