

Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School, Pinvin

Main Street, Pinvin, Worcestershire WR10 2ER



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Year 3. The children have settled really well into their new class and have enjoyed starting their exciting first topic of *The Stone Age*.

The next half term is full of engaging learning opportunities which we hope will inspire the children and see them reach their full potential. See below for a brief outline of what our focus will be in each area of learning.



English: Our first focus narrative text will be *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King. We will write our own stories as well as learning about diary entries. Later on in the half term, we will explore letter writing as well as senses poetry.

Maths: We will start by developing the children's understanding of number and place value in 3 digit numbers. After that we will extend the children's addition and subtraction skills before focusing on shape. The class will start daily *Rock Star Maths* sessions which will help them to develop their recall of key times tables facts. Across the year, there will also be regular chances for the children to develop their problems solving and mathematical reasoning skills.

Science: We will explore forces with lots of opportunities for the children to plan and carry out their own investigations.

Art: We will start by exploring Stone Age artwork and cave paintings before designing and making our own Stone Age inspired jewellery.

History: Changes within Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age is our main topic driver this half term. The children will learn about all aspects of life in Britain during the Stone Age whilst developing their historical skills.

PE: Our P.E day will be on a Tuesday for this half term. The children will be developing their skills ball skills through invasion games. Please could you ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times, clearly labelled with their name.

RE: The key question that the children will be exploring this half term is: Why do people pray?

Computing: We will start the year by learning about e-safety. Please take the time to support this at home by asking your child to explain to you how they can stay safe online.

Reading in Year 3

Reading continues to be a focus in Year 3, this week your child will complete an Accelerated Reading (AR) assessment and will bring home a reading book that is pitched at the right level for them. As well as regularly hearing your child read their AR book, please be aware of how to support the development of their life-long love of reading. Reading and talking about a wide range of different types of books will help your child to develop the habit of reading for pleasure. It will also benefit your child if you take time to read books to them that are above their current reading level.

Homework:

Homework will be sent out on a Friday to be collected in the following Monday. Your child will also be given weekly spellings on a Monday.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Best wishes

Mrs Tudge and Mrs Bowkett