

# Autumn 2023 – Curriculum News

September 2023

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to another busy year at Abbots Green. Over this term, the children in Year 3 will have lots of new and exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. This will include looking at the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age in History. We will look at changes in homes, clothing, travel and trade. Our first Science area of study will be 'Rocks'-including formation, types and their properties. We will also investigate soil and fossils. After half term, we will move on to investigate human and animal nutrition and skeletons. In Art, we will be mark making and responding creatively to a story or poem as well as print making. PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus on 'Being Me in My World', which explores how we fit into our communities and the importance of rules. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. In RE, our focus will be on discovering more about the Hindu festival of Divali and how religion can bring a sense of belonging. In computing we will be learning how to stay safe online and then look at networks and systems. Our design technology skills will be put to the test as we create our own boxes made from fabric as well as learning about seasonal food and a balanced diet. linked to nutritional food. The children will also begin to learn French phrases and in Music will be exploring an R and B song followed by using glockenspiels to create music.

## Year 3 staff

**Mrs Brill**

Japan Class

**Mrs Hines**

Kenya Class

**Mrs Bruce** (Mon-Tues)

**Mrs Worley** (Wed - Fri)

Israel Class

**Mrs Hyden &**

**Mr Crouch**

Learning Support Assistants

**Mrs Cragg &**

**Mr Newson**

PPA Cover

May we take this opportunity to kindly remind parents:

Children are required to have a **named water bottle** in school with them every day.

All **school uniform** should be clearly **named**.

Your child may bring a **healthy snack – only fruit or vegetables** (unlike year 2, no snack is provided).



## English

The children will be exploring many different genres within English. They will focus on the specific features of different types of writing. These will include instruction writing on 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' and poetry based on Stone Age animals. We will also be writing stories about the adventures of a Stone Age child.



## Mathematics

We will be recapping and building on the number and place value work the children completed last year. We will begin with place value up to 1000, then move on to addition & subtraction for 3-digit numbers and finish the term with multiplication & division. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to be able to speedily recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. We would highly recommend that children practise their times tables as often as possible using Times Tables Rock Stars.



## Reading

We have daily reading sessions where children learn and practise the full range of reading skills. Children will be given regular opportunities to independently change their books. Please record in your child's reading log when you have listened to them read. We also encourage children to record any independent reading they have done at home. The expectation is that they read **as much as possible, getting at least 3 of these signed in their reading logs** ready to be counted by the reading champions weekly. The class texts will be Stone Age Boy and Stig of the Dump.



## PE

PE will be on Monday and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on those days. This should be a white t-shirt or the new school PE top and plain dark coloured shorts/skorts/ joggers. They do not need to change during the day. Earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied back for safety reasons.



## Rainbow Challenges

- Make a Stone Age necklace.
- Create a Woolly mammoth fact sheet/poster.
- Design and make an Iron Age roundhouse.
- Weigh different rocks or fossils and record in a graph.
- Build a biscuit Stonehenge.
- Find out how fossils are formed and sketch some.
- Draw and label a Stone Age person.

## Recommended Read

This funny story is for all you budding Prime Ministers!



by Tom McLaughlin



## Home learning

From Monday 11th September your child will be given a maths OR English task to complete on Showbie. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. It will be set on Friday and due in the following Thursday. Children will learn a new spelling concept each fortnight and spelling games will be set on Spelling Shed which relate to the spelling rule/pattern being taught in class. It is an expectation that children play at least 5 games in order to learn the spellings rules on which they are tested via a dictation task on Mondays.