

Autumn 2020 – Termly Topic Update

September 2020

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Summer break and are looking forward to another busy year at Abbots Green.

A huge **thank you** for all of the support you provided during lockdown. The children adapted well and produced some lovely work. They have also completed some fantastic summer passport challenges over the holidays. It is through your support at home that the children come in excited to learn.

We have been working hard to get the classrooms ready for our first topic '**Stone Age to Iron Age**'. Over the term, children in Year 3 will be learning about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This will include finding out how people living in Britain used to farm, dress, build and travel.

May we take this opportunity to kindly remind parents:

- Children are required to have a **water bottle** in school with them every day
- All **school uniform** should be clearly **named**



English

Children will be exploring lots of different genres within our Stone Age topic, to 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

This term we will be recapping and building on the number and place value work they completed last year. We will begin with place value, then move on to addition & subtraction 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.



Reading

Children will be given regular opportunities to independently change their colour banded or 'free reader' books. Please make a note 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 5 times per week. The class texts will be Stone Age Boy and Stig of the Dump.



PE

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on those days. They do not need to change during the day. Earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied back for safety reasons.



Home Learning



Rainbow Challenges

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

Feel free to share these soon through your new Showbie classroom!

Year 3 staff

**Miss Morgan and
Miss Jones (Wed)**

Japan Class

**Mrs Sadler and Mrs
DiBlasio (Fri)**

Kenya Class

Mr Newson

PPA Cover

Mr Crouch

Learning Support Assistant

Autumn Term Key dates

Half Term

Week beginning 26th
October

Last day of term

Friday 18th December

As we start a new school term, we are keen to share dates for the year ahead. We aim to be as creative as possible to ensure that we share your child's learning experiences with you in a safe way.

Initially, instead of cancelling dates, we will be choosing to inform you of upcoming dates and details as soon as we can confirm more.