

# Year 3 Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. I hope you all had a lovely summer break!

This week in maths we have been focusing on place value of numbers up to 1000. We have been partitioning three digit numbers in different combinations of hundreds, tens and ones and recognising the value of each digit in a 3-digit number. Finally, we ordered 3-digit numbers from smallest to largest, by looking at the value of the hundreds numbers first, then the tens and the ones.

In English we began by writing a recount of our summer holidays, to get us back into the swing of writing again. We recapped all of the important elements we need to include in our writing to make it as top quality as possible, such as: correct punctuation, checking our spellings, starting the sentences in different ways, adding lots of detail and neat handwriting.

Then we read a book called 'Stone Age Boy' about a boy who got transported back in time to the Stone Age. We thought about questions we could ask the boy about his experience and wrote these in our English books. Then we wrote a description of the boy, thinking about his personality and appearance and whether we would like to go on his adventure to the Stone Age or not!

In SPaG we looked at the homophones 'there', 'their' and 'they're' and practised using them correctly in sentences.

In PE we practised our ball handling skills needed to play netball. Over the next few weeks, we will work on skills such as passing, throwing and footwork. By the end of the term, we will have the skills we need to play some simplified versions of the netball game.

Our science topic this term is animals including humans, where we will begin by mostly focusing on humans. This week, we looked at what we need to have in a balanced diet. We learnt about the five main food groups that are needed for a balanced diet and the functions of each of these groups.



We met our new Jigsaw companion for Year 3, called Jigsaw Juno. Jigsaw Juno will be with us throughout our PSHE sessions this year. This week, we discussed what we are already proud of achieving in school or at home and what we hope to achieve this year in Year 3.

**Home learning:** We will have our spellings and times tables tests on Fridays, as we did last year. Below are this week's spellings. I have popped a sticker in the children's reading record books to remind them of the times tables that they were learning at the end of Year 2. I did go through these with each child to check it was correct, but please do let me know if I have made a mistake! The children need to get their times tables correct for two consecutive weeks before they are moved onto the next challenge. I will inform you of the next times tables by putting a sticker in your child's reading record book.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mockler

Week 1	
Words with the long /eɪ/ sound spelt with ei	
<i>eight</i>	<i>vein</i>
<i>eighth</i>	<i>veil</i>
<i>eighty</i>	<i>beige</i>
<i>weight</i>	<i>sleigh</i>
<i>neighbour</i>	<i>reindeer</i>