

# Year 3 - Spring Term

## Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our Spring term newsletter where you will find out all about what we are learning this term. At home, please ensure that children are reading everyday and this is recorded in their diaries. Each child should have their login details for TTRS and Spelling Shed which should be accessed at least 3 times a week.

### PD

Our personal development lessons this term focus on living in the wider community. This will include thinking about the difference between needs and wants, considering how we are all different and how we treat each other with respect. We also consider what makes a community and how we would get help in an emergency.



### Geography/History

In our Geography topic we are learning about: Birmingham - the City of 1000 Trades. We are looking at all the different industries of Birmingham.

Following on from this, we will then be moving onto our history topic: Pre-historic Britain. This will include learning about life in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages.

### Art/DT

In our art lessons, we will be studying prehistoric and cave wall painting. We will create our paintings using natural ingredients just like prehistoric artists. In DT we will be studying, designing and making a pneumatic toy which will have a moving part.

### Reading

In reading we will be looking at a range of persuasive texts. We will be identifying the features and persuasive language of the texts and looking particularly at the vocabulary that is used.

We will then look at a range of chronological reports to help us understand the structure and the language.

### English

In our writing lessons, we are using the book 'Malala's Magic Pencil' to write a persuasive letter including focus on tense, rhetorical questions and using conjunctions to link our sentences. We will then be using the book 'Stone Age Boy' to write a narrative using direct speech and a non-chronological report focusing on paragraphs and conjunctions.

### Science

Our science lessons in Spring begin with looking at rocks which is an aspect of Chemistry. We will be studying, naming and describing the different types of rocks, how fossils are formed and what soil is made from.

We will then be learning about plants which is an aspect of Biology. This will include studying the different parts of a plant and what they need to survive.

### Maths

This term we will be looking at measurement:

- Length - learning about millimetres, centimetres and metres.
- Mass - looking at grams and kilograms
- Volume - learning about litres and millilitres
- Time - telling the time to the nearest minute and finding out the number of days in each month
- Learning the 3x, 4x and 8x tables.



## Reading

Reading should take place at home daily 15 minutes per day. Please remember to record in your diaries.

## Spelling Shed

Can be used throughout the week, but a minimum of 3 times a week.

[www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com)

## TTRS

Can be used throughout the week, but a minimum of 3 times a week.

[play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com)

## 20 Recommended Reads for ...

### Year 3 (ages 7-8)

