

READING – you HAVE to read every night!!

Reading is one of the most important things that children learn at school and it is central to all other learning.

Learn to read ~ read to learn!

Children in Year 3, in keeping with our school policy, are asked to read for at least 10-15 minutes every day to an adult. We have assessed each child on their reading fluency and they may receive extra interventions during school time to increase their fluency and understanding.

MAKE SURE YOU READ OUT LOUD EVERY EVENING TO AN ADULT! Don't forget to make the reading really interesting and exciting for the listener! (Can you even RECORD yourself reading out loud? Why not pretend you have your own TV show or YouTube channel??)

MATHS – you HAVE to learn these!! You'll need these throughout your whole life.

We have set ourselves a class target for all children to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times-tables by the end of year 3 – although if your child knows these already they should continue learning to include the 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times-tables.

Any additional practice that children do at home will be very useful. There are some times tables 'wheels' available to take home and it would be good to practice these with a timer! There are many online games, in addition, the children can use their own Times Table Rockstars and the Purple Mash website with their own log ins!

COME AND GET A TIMESTABLES WHEEL TO USE AT HOME! Why not test your parents????



SPELLING & HAND WRITING – You HAVE to have beautiful handwriting – for life!

This half-term we will start having a weekly spelling test on a Friday. Please help your child with their spellings. They will receive a new list each week, which is stuck into their Reading Record. In addition, they will receive a handwriting sheet to practise their spellings and handwriting at home.

We are also working on lovely joined up handwriting as a class, and hand writing sheets are available for use at home!

Don't forget to take a sheet home with you!! Mum and Dad can practice too!!

Science

In Science this half term, we will be looking at rocks and minerals.

Collect a fact sheet from the homework tray and create a diagram of the rock cycle!



Year 3 Homework Assignments for Autumn 1 2023

Please choose the one that would like to do! We can't wait to see your projects!

You HAVE to do reading, learn your tables and practice your handwriting but the other 5 assignments are up to you! Do one or all five!!

History

For our Topic this half term we are looking at the stone age – do you want to write your own story about a time traveller who goes back in time to the stone age? You can use the facts you have learnt in class to make the story authentic!



Art

We will be looking Stone Age Cave art this term.



You can use the techniques in this video to create some more stone age art!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQ4Gvj3AAU4>



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2_iWoZvLtQ

Catholic Social Teaching

Are phone upgrades environmentally friendly?



You might need an adult to read this news article with you ...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49664021>

What do YOU think? Can you prepare a short talk you could give to the rest of the class explaining what you think?

If you are interested in what rocks and minerals are in a mobile phone – you can find out here.

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/your-mobile-phone-is-powered-by-precious-metals-and-minerals.html>

Maybe you can investigate these rocks and minerals. Where do they come from? Will they run out if we keep using them and throwing them in the bin?

More Rocks!

Can you find a mineral you like and create a fact sheet - draw it, colour it and describe what it is used for, where do you find it?



There is an index of minerals and gems here.

<https://kidsloverocks.com/educational-resources/gemstone-mineral-index/>

There are some more here – these ones might be more precious!

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/science/topic/gemstones>

