

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello. We'd like to welcome you to Year 3. This letter is just to give you an insight to your child's time in school.



Our first topic is Through the Ages. We will be learning about three different periods of British prehistory: the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will discover terminology relating to time and sequence dates to make a timeline and explore the changes to people, homes and lifestyle throughout the different periods. We will investigate examples of prehistoric settlements, monuments, burials and artefacts in detail and also study how technology improved over time, including how the discovery of different metals changed the way that people lived.

This half term we will be teaching the children the 'look, run, avoid', and the 'agility, balance, coordination' units from our Beyond the Physical scheme; they will need to come in their P.E. kits on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**.



In English we will be reading 'The Stolen Spear' by Saviour Pirotta. We will be improving our reading and comprehension skills. In writing we will be working on story writing before moving onto letter writing.

Reading books should be in school every day but will be changed on a Friday.

In Maths we will be learning place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. We will also be concentrating on times tables. Please encourage your children to log into TTRockstars regularly, even 5 minutes now and again will really help their progress.



In PSE, we will be learning about 'How can we be a good friend?', considering the challenges that friendships face and how to deal with any falling out.

In Science, we will be studying Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal System. This project teaches the children about the importance of nutrition for humans and other animals. They learn about the role of a skeleton and muscles and how to identify animals with different types of skeleton.

We will use our music platform, Charanga, to learn the music of Joanna Mangona, but in particular, Let Your Spirit Fly.

In RE we will be learning how ancient stories influence modern celebrations. During art and design, we will be learning about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of tertiary colours, warm and cool colours, complementary colours, analogous colours and how artists use colour in their artwork. We will also start to study French, gradually building our vocabulary.

Thank you in anticipation for all your help and support. We are already looking forward to an exciting year with lots of interesting topics to discover. Please contact us through the Year 3 email – year3@stthomas.org.uk - should you have any queries or concerns or speak to us on playground at the end of the day.

Mrs Appleton and Mrs Moon 😊