

Year 3 Spring 2015

Dates for your diary:

9th January: Ice Arena
Speed Skating Visit

13th January: Ten Ten
Theatre Visitors

29th January: KS2 Talent
Show 1.30pm

5th February **Y3 Class Mass**

6th February: KS2 Disco
4.30-5.30pm

12th February: Musical
Evening

13th February: **INSET Day**

Parents Consultations

10th March: 4pm - 7pm

11th March: 1.30 – 3.30pm

In **Maths** we will be linking our **Science** work on Rocks, & examining & analysing volcano statistics, rock temperatures and changing forms as well as animal and fossil dating. Later, we will be studying Skeletons & how we move. This will involve some measuring and investigation. We will learn more about the role of archaeologists and palaeontologists. Hopefully, this will give us an insight into the animals and humans that roamed the earth in prehistoric times.

Through **History & Geography** we will deepen our understanding of timelines and changes in Britain, from hunter-gatherers to early farmers. From this we will look at bread making, evaluating and recreating our own bread through **Design and Technology**.

In **French** we will continue to build upon our language skills and also looking at cave art in France. In **Art** we will look at early drawings, paintings and communications using natural materials, such as clay. Plus, we'll be studying modern day graffiti street art such as the work of street artist 'Banksy'.

P.E. will be Swimming on Monday, & Gymnastics on Thursday - with some scientific twists! **Music** will explore arrangements in the class orchestra and discover how the Stone Age people made music. In **Computing** we will use programming skills to create work related to our topic.



How you can help

There will still be reading, spellings and maths homework every week. Your child will write details in their diary on the day the homework is set. There could be follow-up research in other areas if appropriate.

Please check the diary regularly and encourage your child to complete the tasks set. Encourage your child to read regularly, and explain what they understand from the text. Please make sure your child has their **swimming kit and P.E. kit** (black shorts, white tee-shirt and trainers or plimsolls) in school on **Mondays**. PE kit should stay in school all week.

Your child also needs a **painting apron/old shirt** in school to protect their uniform during art lessons. This should also remain on their in their PE bag all week.

Please check the **Year 3 Web page** for updates & recommended websites. Support your child in blogging & posting comments, please ensure they **only** use their first name and their school email address.

If you have any spare time and feel you could offer some specialist skills to enhance our learning this term, we'd love to hear from you! Another amazing and creative term to look forward to, if you have any queries please feel free to ask. Thank you for your continued support

Mrs McGurk & Mrs Byrne

Educational Visit

We hope to enrich our knowledge and understanding of **Stepping Stones to Success** by visiting Creswell Crags in Derbyshire. This is a precious, prehistoric Gorge site which gives us the chance to explore real rock art from thousands of years ago as well as life in Ice Age Britain.

Date TBC.

Collage Drawing Poster Timeline Cartoon or Webpage Handbook Essay
Diorama Quilt Bulletin Board Scrapbook Magazine Manual E-mail or Letter
Sculpture Visual Advertisement ABC Book Written Editorial
Jigsaw Overhead Flowchart Maps: Dictionary Glossary Scientific Biography
Puzzle Transparency
Graph Photo Book Political Menu Fantasy Newspaper Journal
Coloring Story Map Brochure Jacket Weather Time Pop-Up Short Fairy Tale
Book Road Thematic Capsule Book Story Tall Tale
Mural Concept Map 101 Ways to Show What You Know Song Questionnaire
Board Board Game Comedy Mock Power Point Voki Script Storytelling
Video Costume Routine Trial Presentation Voki Script Storytelling
Experiment Puppet Musical Soap Opera Speech Sales Pitch Recorded
Scavenger Hunt Performance Sitcom Interview Spoken Rhyme
Simulation Acceptance Demonstration Game Show "How To" Persuasive Presentation Lesson
Dance Play Commercial Poetry Informercial Focus Audio Sports Cast
Radio Play Monologue Re-enactment Readers' Show & News Discussion Debate



Stepping Stones to Success?

Year 3 Newsletter

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and all ready and eager to get back to learning! We are travelling further back through time in an exciting prehistoric adventure to the Stone Age, in our topic called ...

'Stepping Stones to Success?'

**Come and See
Topics this term:**



**Journeys
Listening & Sharing
Giving All**

At the heart of our learning this term will be the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Our journey in faith will be developed with the themes of **Journeys, Listening and Sharing**, the children will learn about the journey and sacrifice that Jesus made as they deepen their knowledge of the Eucharist and the events of Holy Week during the theme of **Giving All**. During this time, we will also be discovering more about the Jewish faith.

Our cross-curricular topic is of course The Stone Age to The Iron Age so we will be incorporating many areas into this exciting work. We will be examining and analysing many different types of texts in **English**, and using good models of writing to inspire us to create our own. We will read factual books, poetry, fictional stories such as the well-known classic 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King and Michelle Paver's 'Wolf Brother'. This topic will spark imagination and creativity across the curriculum, we can't wait!

