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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Three AJP

Meet the team

Miss Penniston – Class Teacher
Mrs Gregg – Teaching Assistant
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Terms 1 and 2- The Stone Age

English

We start the term by focusing on the Stone Age Boy by *Satoshi Kitamura*. This book links perfectly to our history topic for terms 1 and 2. We will use this book to write our own Stone Age diary entries and setting descriptions. It is a great way for children to dive into our topic and imagine themselves as hunter gatherers! We will then focus on the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' by *Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley* to help us write Woolly Mammoth washing instructions!

In term 2, we will look at the features of a non-chronological report, before writing our own report. Later in the term, we look at legends and fables, reading lots of different examples, working out the moral to the fable. Children will then innovate their own fable, thinking about what they would like to teach the reader.

Mathematics

Our first topic for this term is place value. This will include children recapping on their prior knowledge before representing, ordering and comparing 3-digit numbers and understanding the value of each digit. We will then focus on addition and subtraction, before moving on to multiplication and division. These topics allow us to build on the children's existing knowledge before challenging them further, looking at new methods and skills, such as formal written methods.

In term 2, we then move on to looking at shape, fractions and mass. In shape, we focus on properties of 2D shapes, before moving onto 3D shapes, looking at similarities and differences. We even get creative and build our own 3D shapes. When looking at fractions, we look at different types of fractions as well as ordering and comparing them. In our final topic of the term, we look at measuring items and converting mass in grams and kilograms.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

In term one, we will be focusing on 'being my best' and how to face new challenges positively and how to make positive judgements and decisions. This topic focuses on the children identifying their achievements, discussing what they are good at, before then creating new goals. This topic also covers hygiene and healthy eating.

In term two, we will explore 'me and my relationships'. This is where we look at having healthy relationships and working together as a team. Children will also think about special people in their lives and what makes them special. Children will then move on to thinking about rules and staying out of danger, mainly not giving in to peer pressure. At the end of the term we also focus on 'substance misuse'. During this topic we will be looking at potential risks and how the children can manage these and reduce any dangers. They will be learning about medicines and how they can be both good and bad to us if they are not taken correctly.

Modern Foreign Language

Now that the children are in year 3, they will be having weekly French lessons, focusing on greetings, numbers, the alphabet and pronunciations as well as responding to simple French stories and songs. I hope the children will come home eager to show off their new skills!

In term 2, we move on to looking at celebrations, including birthdays. Children will begin to learn days of the week and months of the year so that they can then explain when their birthdays are. Children will also focus on expanding their knowledge of numbers, moving on to number 10-20.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the 'Knowledge Organisers' on the class blog.

What homework to expect and when.

Homework is designed to help the children develop and extend skills taught in the classroom. Therefore every child will be expected to complete homework. Homework will be set every Friday and will be due back on Thursday each week. It will include a piece of maths and spelling work each week. In maths, the homework will be alternated between practising skills learnt in lessons and practising times tables. Please use Times tables Rock stars (<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>) to help your child practise. You can find their log in details on the front page of their homework folders. Spelling homework will include activities such as investigations.

The children will need to read every day to help them increase their phonics knowledge and broaden their vocabulary. Please read with your child for 15 minutes a day. You will be provided with a home/school reading diary to record the children's reading and they will be given opportunities to complete book tasks and win raffle tickets for their efforts.

Ways you can help your child.

In Year 3 we help the children build up their independence and also ask that you encourage this by saying goodbye at the outside door, so the children walk into the cloakroom area by themselves. They will be expected to put their bags and lunch boxes away and to change their own reading books. They will then settle to a morning task as soon as possible. There is no free fruit in year three so please ensure your child has a piece of fruit for their morning snack.

Blogs

We will be updating our blog regularly and hope many of you will follow our learning and achievements throughout the year. You can access the blog via <http://www.queensway.oxon.sch.uk> and click the following tabs: children > class pages > select class > click here to see your class blog.

PE days

In term one, we will be outdoors on both PE slots. On a **Tuesday** we will be exploring dance and on a **Friday**, the children will be focusing on tennis with Mrs Thorpe.

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit available in school, including:

- Navy jogging trousers
- White t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Navy jumper
- Trainers for outside use

I'm looking forward to working with you all this year. Please don't hesitate to speak with me if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Miss Penniston
Class Teacher