

# Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2023

## Topic

Our topic this half term is 'The Stone Age'. We will explore key periods of this prehistoric era, i.e. Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age), Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age), Neolithic (New Stone Age). Children will be introduced to ways of life in these times and compare them to modern life as we know it, identifying Stone Age diets and food sources, habitats and styles of homes, clothes, weapons and tools. We will also explore prehistoric extinct animals, cave paintings and folk stories.



reading plus

Home Learning

CENTURY

purple mash

In year Y3, children are provided with weekly homework and spellings (once they have mastered phonics). These will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include, Purple Mash, Times Tables Rock Stars, Reading Plus and Century. These can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website and on the Year 3 Share Point.

## Maths

At Errington, we follow the White Rose Maths scheme. This programme supports a mastery approach to maths. This half term we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction. We will explore and develop written methods and mental skills to solve equations involving addition and subtraction. When new concepts are introduced, we will undergo a 'concrete, pictorial, abstract' approach. Following this, the class will develop their arithmetic and written methods. Timetables recall and 5-minute challenges will be implemented daily.

## English

In English, we will begin by mastering the basic grammar elements in sentence structure so that children can form correctly structured, and punctuated, sentences with confidence. We will then move onto instructional texts, learning 'How to Waah a Woolly Mammoth'.

## Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. At Errington, the children complete a Star Reader test each half term once they have mastered phonics. They will then be given a reading range from which to choose their books. Children read their book in school each day and are expected to read at home each night for at least 20 minutes. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus and have a guided reading session with their teacher.



## Science

Year 3 children will explore Rocks and Soils. Children will identify, compare and group different types of rocks, based on their appearance and simple physical properties. We will explore the process of fossil formation over time. Following this, children will explore soil formation.

## Computing

In Computing, we will be learning how to keep ourselves safe when we go online, including choosing appropriate passwords and looking at what content is appropriate. We will begin to use email to send and receive messages with our teachers and friends in school.



## R.E.

This term your child will be introduced to the religion Hinduism. We will explore the origins of this religion, key Hindu concepts, celebrations and religious practices.

## P.E.

Year 3 pupils will have PE on a Thursday. On that day, we ask that your child wears a school P.E kit. This comprises of a pair of black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers. We will have a Quick PE session on Monday