



## Welcome to Year 3!

We are so pleased to welcome you all back into school. We are really excited to start our amazing learning journey with you and can't wait to see how you all grow and develop over the year.

### Additional Information

You can contact us by emailing: [year3@westfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:year3@westfield.staffs.sch.uk). We check these emails at the end of each day.

PE days: Both classes have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Forest school: Thursday for both classes.

### English

During this half term's English, our classes will be looking at lots of exciting texts.

Pupils will read Aesop's Fables and have the chance to write their own animal inspired fable.

Research information about a predator and choose how to present it to create our own fact-file.

We are then going to be using our skills to write and perform a villainous speech that includes the 5 Ps: pace, pitch, power, pause and punctuation.

After that, each class will be looking at animal poetry to create a poem with structure.

### Maths

In our maths lessons we are now ready for the challenge of exploring and understanding place value.

Pupils will use practical equipment to make models of the numbers to show the value of each digit.

In class children will be comparing and ordering numbers using  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$  symbols.

We will be adding and subtracting using formal written methods.



### Reading at home - Accelerated Reader

In Year 3, children begin to use the Accelerated Reader Programme and they are encouraged to read their chosen book throughout the week. The children will then complete a quiz on their chosen book to assess their understanding. Children also pick a library book of their choice, which can be above their reading level, this can be read to them at home and they do not have to complete a quiz.

### Times tables

Children will now be able to practise their timetables through Times Table Rock Stars. This can be accessed at home using the login details given to the children.

### Spelling

Please practise the weekly spellings which consist of revising Y2 common exception, Y3 spelling list and spelling patterns.

**Year 3 staff**

Miss L Jones , Mr Dando, Mrs Beal and Mrs Emery



### Science

Look out for a life size skeleton which will be visiting our classrooms to help us learn about the bones in the human body. Each class will work as a team to learn the names of the bones and how they fit together to construct a skeleton of our own. Next, the children will investigate the skeletons of other animals to find out how they are similar to a human skeleton and to identify any differences.

### History

They will become archaeologists for the afternoon and carry out an archaeological dig to find artefacts. Back in class, they will use the artefacts to find out information about the past. Children will also order key events from the Stone Age in chronological order on a timeline.



### Religious Education

We are going to be exploring Christian and Islamic rules for living.



### PSHE

This half term, children will be focusing on 'Me and My School'.



### Physical Activity

We will develop skills to pass and receive a ball with accuracy.

## Homework

Try your best to complete at least 2 pieces of homework this half term. Remember to bring your homework in to school so that we can celebrate your hard work in class.

Make your own Stone Age tool?

Design/make your own Stone Age outfit.

Get creative and make some Stone Age rock art.

Choose any vertebrate animal and draw its skeleton.

Plan a healthy lunch box. Draw and label each item to show which food group it belongs to.

Can you challenge yourself to make a working muscle?

Label a photograph of yourself identifying different parts of your body, skeleton and muscles.

