

# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Year 3 Parents,

We are really pleased at how well your children have settled into Year 3. There have been some big changes for them and they have all shown they were ready for them! The classrooms have been calm and positive and they have enjoyed getting stuck-into their new learning; Stone Age to Iron Age and reading The Royal Rabbits of London for our Writing units this half term.

## **Staff in Year 3**

**Elm Class** – Mrs Maria Hughes-Phillips

**Pine Class** – Mrs Rachel Cole and Mrs Ros Priddle

**Mrs Claire Rangecroft** – shared LSA across both classes (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

**Mrs Carolyn Thomson** - shared LSA across both classes (Thursday)

**Topic:** Our topic this term is ‘Stone Age to Iron Age’. We have begun by looking at timelines, what ‘chronological’ means and how the Stone Age period is split into 3 sections.

English this year will be taught using a high quality text. This half term’s text is The Royal Rabbits of London and after half term it will be The Iron Man. Children will explore the text in a variety of ways and use it to respond through writing a range of pieces.

**PE:** Both classes have 2 PE sessions a week. Elm: Wednesday and Friday, Pine: Wednesday and Thursday. Please can we have PE kits in school every day as occasionally there may be a change.

**Reading:** We place reading in high importance at the Westgate School. The children participate daily in a range of reading activities, these include reading comprehension, shared reading and reading during topic lessons.

**Library:** Both classes visit our amazing new library on Mondays and children are encouraged to choose a book to read for pleasure. Please ensure that your child has their library book in school ready to change on this day.

**Spelling:** We teach daily spelling in conjunction with handwriting. These spellings are then applied in the children’s writing.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Year 3 Team