

# Year 3 Spring Term Learning



## English:

Writing this term is inspired by the wonderful *Abominables* by Eva Ibbotson. The story begins about a hundred years ago with the kidnap of brave Lady Agatha Farlingham from her tent in the Himalayan mountains. She soon realises that her captor is in fact a kind and noble yeti who is in desperate need of her help. Children will write in a range of styles including descriptions, interviews and adverts, learning about and using the distinctive features of each style. As well as reading the story together, children will 'get the story on its feet' with activities such as hot seating. The whole school Reading festival and Shakespeare projects also take place this term.

## Maths:

With formal calculation methods now established, children can apply these skills to other areas, including measurement, money and area and perimeter. Children will also be reading the time in smaller time intervals than Year 2, and identifying 2D and 3D shapes. We will revisit fractions and learn to read and construct a variety of charts and pictograms. The Year 3 times tables of 3, 4 and 8 remain a focus this term.

## Topic:

Our history topic is the Stone Age, where we will be looking at evidence such as Stonehenge, Skara Brae and stone tools to form a picture of what life was like during the various sub-eras of the Stone Age period. In science we will be looking at light and how reflections and shadows are formed. Children will also learn about forces and magnets. Computing will see us learning about information technology, practising skills such as saving, editing and organising work and designing images. Our whole-school Ornithology project is launched in January.

## Other information:

PE will take place on Monday afternoon and Friday morning each week. Children will need to have the correct sports kit in school every week for these sessions. The PE requirement is white t-shirt, black shorts/sports leggings/jogging bottoms, and trainers. On Fridays, children should come to school in their PE kit and bring their school uniform with them in their bags to change into later. Warmer clothes (a plain black/navy blue jumper and/or a coat) would be advisable as PE will almost always take place outside.

Children need to bring in their own water bottle from home.

All Year 3 classes will be dismissed at the end of the day from the Silverthorne playground.

Please label all aspects of your child's uniform with their name, including their PE kit, as this makes it much easier to reunite their belongings with them!

## How can I help:

Please read with your child as regularly as possible — little and often is the best. This can be a mixture of them reading to you, you reading to them or shared reading.

Supporting your child to learn their times tables is a huge help, as so much of the maths curriculum throughout primary school is made easier by good knowledge of multiplication and division facts. The 3, 4 and 8 times tables are the main priority in Year 3.

Please support your child with any homework they may be set and with their weekly spellings. These will be made available on the Year 3 webpage.