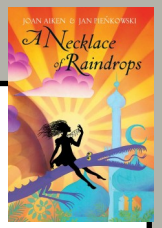
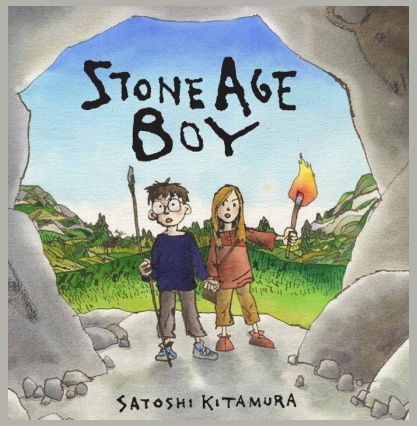
Year 3 Autumn 1

Stone Age to Iron Age!

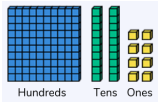


English

- As readers, we will be reading 'A Necklace of Raindrops' by Joan Aiken and Jan Pienkowski.
- As writers, we will be composing stories based on the book 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. We will also look at poetry.
- Grammar—we will develop our use of fronted adverbials, conjunctions and prepositions and we will begin to use inverted commas for speech.



Mathematics



- **Place value**— working with three-digit numbers to 1000.
- **Addition and subtraction**— adding and subtracting 2-and 3-digit numbers with exchanges.
- Reasoning and problem solving.

Science—Rocks and Soils

As scientists, we will be exploring different kinds of rocks and soils, including those around us. We will also investigate fossils and how they are formed. We will work scientifically by observing rocks and exploring how and why they might have changed over time.

PSHE and RE

In PSHE, we will be focusing on 'Being Me In My World'.

In RE, we will be learning about Buddhism and about some of the key teachings of the Buddha and how they impact Buddhists' lives today.

Computing We will develop our understanding of digital devices and computer networks. We will learn how to use our logins to access Google Classroom. We will also continue to develop our understanding of internet safety.

Humanities As historians, we will be learning about prehistoric Britain from the Stone Age through to the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We will investigate tools, homes and how people lived. We will also compare life in each of the different eras using our history skills. We will further develop our understanding of chronology and examine different sources to develop our understanding.

Art and Design Technology

In art, we will observe and discuss a range of prehistoric cave paintings. We will then use our sketching skills to draw our own versions, as well as using charcoal and pastels to experiment with colour and . We will also develop our portrait work and carefully observe different facial features.

Message from Year 3

Year 3 are going back in time to prehistoric times! We will be working to unravel the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age ways of life.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Monday 21st September—St Paul's Cathedral Trip

Wednesday 14th October—National Portrait Gallery Trip

Miss Darbourne and Elizabeth.

French We will be learning key phrases in French, such as greetings and asking people how they are. We will also learn about other countries where French is spoken.

Music As musicians, we will be learning to sing a call-and-response in groups, holding long notes with confidence. We will also play accompaniments to a song using different instruments and body percussion. We will listen and identify where notes in the melody of the song go down and up. We will also continue to have weekly singing lessons.

PE In **football,** we will learn basic ball control skills and demonstrate sending the ball with some accuracy to maintain possession and build attacking play. We will also learn and implement the basic rules of football. In **netball,** we will learn to perform basic netball skills. We will practise recognised netball throws and demonstrate catching skills. We will also learn and implement the basic rules of netball.

Home Learning:

Children will be given spellings to learn every week. They must practise these regularly in preparation for a spelling test on **Friday.**

Homework will be added to Google Classroom every **Friday,** to be completed by the following **Thursday**.

Maths homework is sent home **every two weeks (Friday)** and is to be completed in Maths Scrapbooks.

If paper copies of any homework is needed, please ask and we will organise this for you.

Encourage your child to use **TT Rockstars** to practise their times tables regularly.

School Hours:

Please note the hours of the school day and help us to make a prompt start/finish.

Gates open: 8.45am

School times:

8:45am soft start

9am start

School finishes: 3:30pm

Being on time is really important for your child's start to the day and learning.

Our Class Assembly

Our class assembly will be held after the October half term on **Wednesday 25th November 2026** at **3pm** in the school hall.

We look forward to welcoming you to watch the children share their learning from the term.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest assembly will be on **Friday 2nd October 2026** at **9am**.

Reminders

P.E. days: Wednesday and Friday.

PE Kit: Children are expected to wear white T-shirts and blue shorts for PE. Suitable trainers or plimsols must be provided for outdoor PE. When the weather is cold, children can wear tracksuit bottoms.

Uniform: Children should be wearing black or grey trousers or skirts, white T-shirts or polo shirts and blue jumpers or cardigans. School branded uniform can be bought at Parent Pay
Long hair should be tied back.
Shoes should be plain black without logos or coloured stripes and without laces, until your child can do these up independently.
No jewellery should be worn, with the exception of small studs, which should be removed on PE days.

Reading: As a school we strive to make our children lovers of reading and good books. Please take time to talk to your child about what they are reading and take an interest in their book choices. Your child should be reading for **a minimum of 20 minutes every day**.
Rewards are given for 5 reading sessions a week at home, which need to be recorded in their reading diaries.

Safeguarding—It's everyone's business.

Everyone has a duty to safeguard the children in our community.

If you want to report an incident or suspicion of abuse, you can contact:

- The local authority child protection team – even outside normal office hours 020 8314 6660 or out of hours call 020 8314 6000.
- the police – call 999 in an emergency or otherwise 101
- The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP). This is the UK's national police agency for dealing with child protection, particularly online abuse. If you're worried about someone's behaviour towards a child online, you can report this online at www.ceop.police.uk
- The NSPCC
- Us, at school. Speak to Miss Shearsby, Miss Cartwright and Miss Langridge