

Dear Year 3 families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great half term break. Well done to all the children for such a fantastic first half term. The children have come back to school with lots of enthusiasm and are ready to learn!



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Manor

### Literacy

This half term in Literacy, we are going to be writing narratives based on the story 'The Stone Age Boy'. We are going to be focusing on writing in first person, using fronted adverbials and noun phrases. We will then move onto writing letters which will be inspired by the story 'The First Painting'.

### Maths

We will be starting with place value, focusing on numbers up to 1000. We will also be developing our adding and subtracting strategies, finding efficient ways of solving addition and subtraction calculations.

Please encourage your child to add and subtract up to 20 using mental strategies in their head. Please practise and encourage them to do so without using their fingers, as they grow in confidence.

Please also give your child plenty of opportunities to practice the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

(<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>) - is an effective and fun way for your child to practice and learn their times tables.

### History -

In history this term we are going to be learning about The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be finding out when these periods of time were in history, what happened during these times and what life was like.

RE - We will be focusing on Buddhism. We will be finding out about the teachings of The Buddha using the story of Siddhartha Gautama.

IT- Our theme is 'Digital Devices'. We are going to be finding out the how digital devices function. We will then move onto animation, where the children will be create shout animations using an ipad.

Science - We are going to be learning about Rocks and Soils. We will be comparing different types of rocks, exploring their properties and how they are formed. We will also be finding out how fossils are formed.

Art - We will be observing Stone Age cave paintings and exploring different sketching techniques. We will also be developing drawing skills using a variety of tools including pencils, pastels, charcoal on different surfaces and scales.

P.E - Our focus this half term is tri-golf and orienteering. Next half terms focus is dance and netball.

PSHME - We will be learning about different types of families and people who care for us.

Please read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts. Your child will also have an online Bug Club book and at least one hard copy book each week. Please remember to keep books and reading records in book bags everyday.

### PE Days

**Yousafzai Class:**  
Wednesdays and  
Fridays

**Pankhurst Class:**

Please ensure that your child wears PE kit into school on these days (t-shirt, sweatshirt, leggings/shorts/ tracksuit bottoms, trainers).

Year 3 Home learning:  
Each week we will post home learning suggestions for you on our class page on ItsLearning starting from next week.