

Autumn 2021 – Curriculum News

September 2021

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to another busy year at Abbots Green. A huge **thank you** to all of you who have completed fantastic summer passport challenges over the holidays. It is through your support at home that the children come in excited to learn.

Over this term, the children in Year 3 will learn lots of new and exciting information. This will include looking at the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age in History. We will look at changes in homes, clothing, travel and trade. Our first Science area of study will be 'Rocks'-including formation, types and their properties. We will also investigate soil and fossils. After half term, we will move on to investigate human and animal nutrition and skeletons. In Art, we will be looking at early cave paintings as well as the work of Vincent Van Gogh. We will practise creating tints and the painting techniques of tonking and sgraffito. In RE, our focus will be on discovering more about the Hindu festival of Divali and how religion can bring a sense of belonging. Our design technology skills will be put to the test as we create our own cushions. The children will also begin to learn French phrases and also learn to play the ukulele with Mr Cole!

Year 3 staff

Miss Chapman

Japan Class

Mrs Sadler (Mon-Thurs)

Mrs Cragg (Fri)

Kenya Class

**Mrs Hyden &
Mrs Cunningham**
Learning Support Assistants

**Mrs Cragg &
Mrs Lafflin**

PPA Cover



English

The children will be exploring many different genres within English. They will focus on the specific features of different types of writing. These will include instruction writing on 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' and poetry based on Stone Age animals. We will also be writing stories about the adventures of a Stone Age child.



Mathematics

This term we will be recapping and building on the number and place value work the children completed last year. We will begin with place value, then move on to addition & subtraction and finish the term with multiplication & division. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to be able to speedily recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. They have Times Tables Rock stars logins and can start using these to practise.

May we take this opportunity to kindly remind parents:

Children are required to have a **water bottle** in school with them every day

All **school uniform** should be clearly **named**

Your child brings a **healthy snack** – **only fruit or vegetables**



Reading

We have daily reading sessions where children learn and practise the full range of reading skills. Children will be given regular opportunities to independently change their colour banded books. Please record in your child's reading log when you have listened to them read. We also encourage children to record any independent reading they have done at home. The expectation is that they read 5 times per week and get at least 3 of these signed in their reading log. The class texts will be Stone Age Boy and Stig of the Dump.



PE

PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on those days. This should be a white t-shirt or the new school PE top and plain dark coloured shorts/skorts/joggers. They do not need to change during the day. Earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied back for safety reasons.



Home learning

From Friday 17th September, your child will be given a weekly piece of vocabulary homework AND a maths OR English task to complete on Showbie. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. It will be set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.



Rainbow Challenges

- Make a Stone Age necklace.
- Create a Woolly mammoth fact sheet/poster.
- Design and make an Iron Age roundhouse.
- Weigh different rocks or fossils and record in a graph.
- Build a biscuit Stonehenge.
- Find out how fossils are formed and sketch some.
- Draw and label a Stone Age person.

Recommended Read

This funny story is for all you budding Prime Ministers!



by Tom McLaughlin

Children will also have a new set of spellings to learn each week related to the spelling rule/pattern being taught in class; these will be accessible on Showbie and recorded in reading logs. These will be tested on Fridays within sentences.