

Chestnut Class Year 3 Autumn Term 2023

Topic Focus: History and Geography

In our History lessons, we will be exploring the pre-history of Britain, from Stone Age to Iron Age. This will include learning about food, housing, tools and society. We will compare life in the past to life today. This will be supported by work in our Geography lessons, where we will be investigating how settlements develop.

English: We will start the term by exploring the book 'Dear Teacher' by Amy Husband. We will be writing our own creative letters. Then, we will be writing our own adventure stories inspired by the book 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. After half-term, we will be performing poetry, and writing recounts and nonchronological reports connected to our work on the Stone Age.

Mathematics: In our first unit, we will be exploring the place value of each digit in threedigit numbers. We will then compare and order numbers. We will use this understanding to help us to add and subtract. We will be practising our mental skills and our use of written methods. Finally, we will move on to exploring multiplication and division. Within this, we will learn our 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

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Computing:

developing our

understanding

of networks

purpose of a

network switch.

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Art and

Design: We will learn how to thread a needle. We will then practise different stitching patterns. **Science:** In our 'Rocks' unit, we will be using our observational skills to compare and group different rocks and soils. We will then learn about reflection and shadows in our topic on 'Light'.

Music: Our first Music unit, Let Your Spirit Fly, introduces us to R&B music. We will be using glockenspiels to improvise and compose.

French: In Year 3, we will be starting French lessons with Mrs Roberts. We will begin by learning how to greet people.

Religious Education: After halfterm, we will be exploring the question: 'Is light a good symbol for celebration?'

P.E.: On Mondays, we will be learning about symmetrical and asymmetrical balances in our Gymnastics unit. On Tuesdays, we will be learning how to play basketball, focusing on dribbling and keeping possession.

PSHE:

With Mrs Tuffrey, we will be reflecting on ourselves and our relationships.