



## Downside Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 3 Children,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back after the Easter break; it is nice to see the children so enthusiastic, ready to learn and smartly dressed in school uniform.

In Literacy this half term, we will focus on learning about fables and the different morals they have. After that, the focus will move to extracting relevant information from a variety of sources in order to create our own non-fiction texts and reading and writing poetry. After half term, we will learn about stories from different cultures and play scripts which the children will both read and write.

In Numeracy, we will continue to develop the children's understanding of the 4 rules (+, -, x and ÷) as well as improving their understanding of place value. During the term, we will also collect a range of data and learn how to represent this as block graphs and pictograms. The children will then move onto interpreting data. Time will also be revisited and we will look at telling the time more accurately and calculating time duration.

Our science topic this half term is Rocks and Soils where the children will learn about different rocks, their properties and uses. Next half term, we will develop the children's knowledge of sound and how it travels.

Our first topic for this half term is 'The Stone Age'. Children will learn that prehistory is all about what happened before written records began. They will have the opportunity to experience life during the Stone Age during our trip to Flag Fen. Next term we move on to the exciting topic of 'Carnival' where the children will be able to find out about carnivals around the world and make comparisons between the different environments.

For outdoor Games, we will teach and practise athletics skills in the first half term and move on to rounders in the second half term. For indoor PE, we will develop the skills related to volleyball.

Our RE this term will revolve around the topic 'The Deeper Meaning of Festivals.' The children will learn about the meanings behind a variety of festivals from a number of different religions.



In Spanish, the children will begin to learn words and phrases to describe and name members of the family. They will also learn how to ask and respond to questions about their family.

During ICT lessons, the children will use their research skills to find out more about the Stone Age. They will also use an online programming tool called Scratch to further develop their programming skills.

The children receive homework tasks on a weekly basis and have times tables to learn at home. If you could support your child with these, listen to them read on a regular basis and discuss the books they have read and the work they do in school, then it will really help their learning and enable them to make the most of school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A. Harrison

Year 3 Leader