



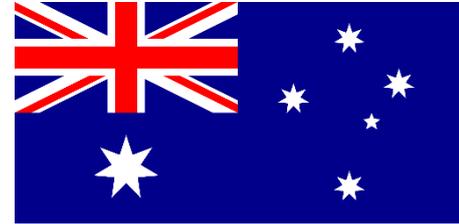
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Welcome to Year 3

We hope you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to all the things we have planned this year. We have already had a great start to the year, introducing our current focus 'The Stone Age' and will soon hold a 'Stone Age afternoon' where the children will take part in fun and practical activities to learn more about this period in time.



Our Topics



This term our theme is **Battles and Bloodshed**. During topic lessons, the children will take ownership of the work they produce by learning specific skills from the curriculum and showing these through child-led outcomes. The children can choose to study areas within the topic that they are interested in and they will have the chance to show off their work during our Curriculum Open Afternoon at the end of the half term.

Mathematics sessions will continue to develop the children's number sense; focusing on understanding place value in up to four digit numbers and developing addition and subtraction skills using the expanded column method.

In English, we will be starting the year with instruction writing, then moving onto story writing using a beautifully illustrated book called *The Stone Age Boy*, highlighting how the writer has used lots of description to create settings and introduce characters.



Homework

Children will continue to receive weekly homework in Year 3. This will be set on a Friday in both classes and will consist of a piece of GPS (grammar, punctuation & spelling) dictation and a maths activity. Some maths activities will be through Mathletics and your child will have kept their previous log on and password, however we will send this home again if you have lost it. The GPS test will occur on a Thursday and any paper maths homework will also be due in on Thursdays. Please help your child to be prepared



and give them a prompt to ensure they have their Homework Diary every Thursday so we can give diaries back on a Friday with new homework.



Where possible encourage your child to read daily at home, even if it is just 5 minutes squeezed in. It doesn't have to be their book from school, it could be a magazine, comic, annual or anything else they enjoy. Times table games would also help, as the children are currently working on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables this year.

Alongside weekly homework we may ask children to carry out research to support their in school independent projects.

Swimming & PE – Just a reminder that Sydney and Brisbane have swimming on a Friday and outdoor PE on a Wednesday. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for ensuring they have the required kit in school. Please refer to the website for correct kit lists.



Water bottles – children are allowed to have water bottles in class as it is good for them to keep hydrated throughout the day. However, they should only contain water: no juice please!

Class Dojo

As part of the school's Behaviour Policy we are really excited to be continuing with Class Dojo. By connecting with Class Dojo you are able to see when your child has received a dojo, as well as keep up to date with events in class through Our Class Story.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate in coming in to speak to us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Wilcox and Miss Davies