



## Year 3 - Block 2

**Class Teacher:** Miss Jenyon

**Teaching Assistant:** Mrs Whelan

Miss Jenyon and Mrs Whelan are very excited to continue your child's learning in Year 3 and further into their Key Stage 2 journey.

We are **Walt Disney Class** and we will continue on the theme of Inquisitive throughout the year. The children will be encouraged to **STRIVE** to be the best they can be.

Spiritual	Trusted	Resilient	Inquisitive	Valued	Exceptional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Have good manners and be courteous</li> <li>* Be considerate of others</li> <li>* Show God's love in our actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Use and look after equipment responsibly</li> <li>* Begin to work independently</li> <li>* Make my own decisions to help me learn (without relying on the teacher)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Keep trying when things are hard</li> <li>* Have pride in my work, making it the best it can be</li> <li>* Share my ideas confidently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ask questions about my learning</li> <li>* Think about what I've learnt before and how this can help</li> <li>* Understand that to try new things is to take a risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Listen to what others have to say</li> <li>* Respect what adults ask me to do</li> <li>* Appreciate that everybody has strengths in different areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Make sure I am ready to learn</li> <li>* Apply my knowledge in all subject areas</li> <li>* Be a good role model around school at all times</li> </ul>

### **What did we learn in Block 1?**

In Block 1 we had a wonderful time researching and learning about The Stone Age. We were fascinated with how people lived and survived during that time but also how the people of that time have influenced some of the ways in which we still live today.

We also enjoyed learning about rocks and fossils in science, especially using chocolates to show the different formations of rock and learning about Mary Anning, who was just as excited about fossils as we were!

In Maths, we have secured our understanding of place value and used this to help us with answering addition and subtraction sums. We have moved on to using column addition and subtraction as our formal method of solving these sums.

## What we will be learning in Block 2

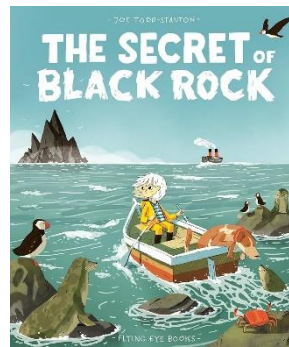
During this block, we are going to be investigating the question:

**What is the land like in the United Kingdom and how do we use it?**

We will access this through the themes of **change**, **community** and **choice**.



In our Geography lessons this block, we will be learning to identify and locate the rivers, mountains and coasts of the UK, as well as identifying counties and cities of the United Kingdom.



We will make great use of some wonderful books to inspire our **writing** lessons, such as 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka and 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd-Stanton. We will use these books to help us write a persuasive letter, a story, an advert and some shape poems!

In **Maths** we will build on the children's prior learning from Year 2. Topics we will cover this block are:

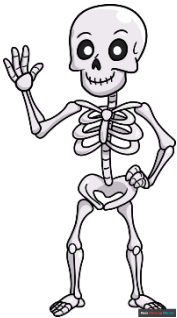
- **Multiplication & Division**  
Please encourage your child to continue practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home. In this block, the children will be introduced to the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and will take part in weekly timed times tables tests in their Maths lessons.
- **Length & Perimeter**
- **Fractions**
- **Mass & Capacity**



In R.E. this block, our topics we will be **Prophecy and Promise**, followed by **Galilee to Jerusalem** after Christmas.

We will also prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent and have daily acts of worship in preparation.

On **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**, Fr Peter will hold a Sacramental Meeting for those families who would like to sign their children up to take their Sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. This meeting will take place at **St. Peter's Parish Centre, 6-7pm.**



In **Science**, we will learn about healthy and balanced diets, muscles and skeletons.

**P.E.** will take place every **Monday** and **Friday** this block. The children will need to come to school on these days wearing their appropriate P.E. kits:

- Plain navy blue joggers
- Light blue polo shirt
- School cardigan/jumper



## Homework:

### **1. Reading books**

In Year 3, children should read for 20 minutes every evening and this should be recorded in their reading records. The reading records will be collected on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**, in order for the Year 3 team to monitor the children's reading.

**Please ensure your child's reading book and record is in school every day.**

### **2. Spelling**

The children will be given some spelling words to learn on a **Monday** and will be tested on these words the following **Monday**.

Children will be provided with a spellings homework book and they should pick two activities from the spelling activities list to complete each week.

### **3. Maths**

The children will receive a weekly written maths task inside their White Rose Homework books. This task will coincide with learning taking place in the classroom for that week, enabling children to consolidate their understanding of different mathematical strands. The children continue to have access to TTRockstars which they can log into and use to aid their knowledge of times tables. Purple Mash also has lots of Maths games which the children can access from home.

Homework will be set on a **Wednesday** and is due in for the following **Tuesday**.

### **4. Reading (online)**

Online reading homework will be set every **Wednesday** to be completed by the following Tuesday. Children will use Reading Eggspress, which they are familiar with as they used it throughout EYFS and KS1. A comprehension lesson will be set for them to complete that will automatically pop up on screen when they log into their account.

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## Year 3 Homework Timetable

Day	Reading books	Homework set
Monday		Spellings (set and then tested every Monday)
Tuesday	Change books	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	Change books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Maths homework set in White Rose homework book.</li><li>- Reading Eggspress comprehension task</li></ul> <b>Both tasks to be completed for the following <u>Tuesday</u>.</b>

There will also be opportunities for the children to take part in extra homework activities throughout the year and we will let you know of these via ClassDojo.



### Class Dojo

St. Simon's use ClassDojo as a way to promote **STRIVE**, as well as being an opportunity for you to contact us with any queries you may have. Please make sure you are signed up to ClassDojo so that we can share all of our learning with you and in order for you to contact us should you need to.

### Important dates:

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 6-7pm, St. Peter's Parish Centre: Sacramental Meeting
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2:45: Year 3 Class Assembly

Thank you for your support throughout the year to aid your child's progress. The partnership between school and home is crucial to reinforce concepts learnt at school. I look forward to working with you and for our journey together to help your child reach their full potential.

Kindest regards,

Miss Jenyon