

"Homework to suit everyone's taste"

Year 3



Honey Bees Homework Activities



Dinosaurs, The Stone Age, Bronze Age and The Iron Age

Your 5 A-Day

"These important items are exactly what you need a little of each day, in order to have a healthy education. Get stuck right in!"

1. Reading:

Please remember to read with your child for 5-15 minutes daily and encourage your child to regularly look at a variety of books, including non-fiction. We are also trying to encourage children to discuss each book in detail and answer questions from the text as well as form an opinion of the book to build confidence in comprehension and an enthusiasm for reading. If your child is reading fluently now and likes to read to him/ herself, please encourage them to read out loud to you from time to time. This is really important at this stage as you can make sure that your child understands all the new words they come across.

3. Spellings:

1. For the first term, we will be consolidating phonics and spellings from Year Your child will have a Spelling book and bring home weekly spellings for a spelling test on Monday. **Remember to Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check** when the children are learning them.

4. Number Games and Practical Maths:

- Use the school login for Education City <http://www.educationcity.com/>
- Visit <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/>
- Ictgames.com has lots of great games
- Continue to practise 2,5,10, 3, 4 & 8 times tables. TTRockstars is good for this, as is Cloud Times tables. We will do timed times tables tests most Fridays.

5. Thinking of Others:

Children share their ideas, thoughts and pray for themselves, the world and others.

Our Christian values: First half term: Thankfulness

Second half term: Trust

Autumn Term Weekly Treats

"Choose what you want and enjoy. It's all up to you to be as adventurous as you want! You're allowed any one of these each week. How tempting!" Tick off as you go!

1. Watch this Horrible Histories video:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=horrible+histories+stone+age

What did you learn about The Stone Age?

2. Can you draw, make or build your own Dinosaur land?

Use lego, a shoe box or whatever you can find at home!

3. Can you make some Top Trump dinosaur cards? You could bring them into class to play with your friends.

4. Can you be creative in the kitchen?

5. Can you make Dinosaur biscuits, swamp soup or a Dinosaur nest out of shredded wheat? It's up to you what you make and we are always happy to be Honey Bee tasters! *(no nuts please!)*

6. Can you come up with your very own Dinosaur Adventure?

Use your imagination to tell your story and even have a go at writing it down. Does it have a beginning, middle and end? Can you use story language such as 'once upon a time, first, then, next, after, finally'?

7. Find out about Stonehenge. There are lots of theories about how it got there. What do you think?

8. What did people in The Stone Age eat? Can you make something that they would have eaten?

9. Can you design or make a Stone Age house?

10. Pretend you are a palaeontologist Prepare a talk on fossils that you have found.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Honey Bees! Our new topic is Dinosaurs, which the children are already excited about, leading on to The Stone Age, The Bronze Age and The Iron Age. Please see over for homework ideas- there is a wide selection of activities for the children to do so hopefully there will be something which grabs your child's imagination. Please remember that there is no obligation to do the weekly treats but there is a wide range to choose from and if you have any ideas of your own, we would love to hear about them. .

Just a reminder of the two types of Homework:

- **5 a day** – Important activities, which should be done **regularly**. Most of these can be done in short, sharp bursts.
- **Weekly Treats** – Creative ideas or projects if you would like them. These can be done over a weekly basis, or longer, whichever is appropriate.

Please make this fun and choose the ones that really get your child buzzing and engaged in our topic but only if it is something that they are keen to do. We will celebrate any homework that is brought in and the children will be able to share it with the rest of the class. Our aim is that there is freedom of choice within a clear structure and a chance for you to really enjoy learning and discovering with your child.

Reading is the most **important** thing you can do with your child and we always encourage this. Our focus is fluency-we will be encouraging the children to re-read pages out loud to use expression and put meaning into what they are reading.

We will also be assessing the children's quick recall of **times tables** which you could help with-**Cloud Tables** is a great free app for this and there are some songs on Education City which the children really enjoy.

P.E. will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please make sure that the children are in the appropriate smart P.E. kits.

Spellings will be weekly, the children will have spelling books.

Trip Monday 11th September We will be going to the Museum and Resource Centre to do some workshops and get inspired for our Stone Age topic.

Reminder **Year 3 children need to bring fruit in with them.** Fruit is only provided for KS1 children.

As always, anytime there is anything that you are unsure about, please feel free to come and see me at the end of the day, I will be happy to help.

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Steer and Mrs Morley

