



**Hello from the Year 3 team! We are excited to share this half term plan with you and have some exciting learning and activities planned.**

Parents, please use this learning letter to encourage your child to find out more about our topic and our science unit, to spend some time supporting our maths, writing and reading focus and as a reference for any resources we would like you to gather to support our DT and art projects. We will be using JIGSAW for our PHSE lessons and the second unit is about 'Celebrating differences'. We will have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the focus of this term is on Netball and Dance. Please make sure you your children are practicing their times tables and spellings at home, ready for the tests on a Friday.

### Maths

Addition and Subtraction (Two three-digit numbers)

Multiplication and division

**Home Focus:** Practise times tables at home using either sheets from school or TT Rockstar. Children sometimes request to take worksheets home when they need more time to grasp a concept.

### Writing

Skara Brae

Non-fiction

Narrative – Write a persuasive visitor brochure for Stonehenge.

The Secret of Black Rock

Fiction

Narrative – To write a fantasy story set in a forest.

### Reading/spelling/handwriting

Your child needs to learn their spellings, in the context of a sentence, by the Friday each week so they can complete an activity using them. They must know the meaning of the words!

**Home Focus:** Read every night for 10 minutes. Discuss your book with an adult at home, checking the meaning of any unfamiliar vocabulary.

### Topic

In Topic this half term, we are going to be continuing our learning on the Stone age. As well as this, we are going to be having a look at our local area, and see how it has changed over time. We will be looking how the area around the school has changed over time, and how the environment has been effected.

**Conversations:** What changes have we seen to the local area?

### Science

Our current unit is 'Light.' The children will learn about:

- Different light sources.
- About reflective objects.
- How shadows are formed.
- The dangers of the sun.

We will be looking at different areas of light, and take part in some scientific experiments to aid in our understanding.

**Parents:** Please can you bring in any cereal boxes for experiments

### Art/DT

- Our Art and DT will be intertwined with our topic on the Stone age.
- Making round houses out of sticks.
- Making large scale drawings from observations.
- Using the colour mixing learning during the last term to create our own Stonehenge sunset pictures

**Conversations:** How has art developed since that of cave paintings?