

Otter Class
September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Teynham Primary School. We hope you have had a great summer and a restful break. We are very much looking forward to working with your child this year and seeing all that they can achieve.

Topic – Through the Ages!

In the Through the Ages project, your child will learn about three different periods of British prehistory: The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will discover terminology relating to time and sequence dates to make a timeline. They explore the changes to people, homes and lifestyle throughout the different periods and investigate examples of prehistoric settlements, monuments, burials and artefacts in detail. They will also study how technology improved over time, including how the discovery of different metals changed the way that people lived.

English

In English, your child will be reading the class novel 'A Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. They will complete reading comprehension tasks linking to this novel. In addition, they will be writing a historical narrative about life in the Stone Age. They describe settings, characters and plot including direct speech. Your child will learn and use many word classes, such as noun, adjective, verb, adverb, conjunction, preposition and pronoun. They will develop their understanding and use of conjunctions to extend sentences. They will write a set of instructions for 'How to make a strong Axe head' using imperative verbs, adverbs, time conjunctions and clear commands. In Term 2, your child will be reading 'Stig of The Dump'. They will be writing cinquain poems about jobs during The Iron Age. They will be writing a chronological report about how an aspect of life developed throughout prehistory using paragraphs to group related ideas together. Your child will also have daily spelling/ phonics lessons.

Maths

In Maths, your child will begin by working on place value up to one thousand, including comparing and ordering numbers. They will then progress to adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers and estimating answers. After this, they will move on to learn about multiplication and division with a focus on 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables. Any extra practice on their times tables at home would be marvellous! Your child can log onto their Times Table Rockstar account. Each Friday there will be a TTRS school comp.

Science

This project teaches children about the importance of nutrition for humans and other animals. They learn about the role of a skeleton and muscles and identify animals with different types of skeleton. Your child will learn plants have different parts to help them survive and reproduce, including roots, stems, flowers, fruit and leaves. They investigate how plants need sunlight, warmth, nutrients, water, air and space to grow and be healthy. Your child will learn there are six main animal groups: amphibians, birds, fish, invertebrates, mammals and reptiles. They will know animals can be carnivores that eat meat, herbivores that eat plant parts or omnivores that eat meat and plant parts.

RE

In RE, your child will begin by learning about Christianity, with a focus on the question: What is it like to follow God? They will learn about the Old Testament story of Noah and find out about the promises that were made. They will make links between this and the promises made at a Christian wedding ceremony. They will then look at how the promises of Noah link to their own lives in school and the wider world.

After this, your child will begin to learn about the Sikh faith (Sikhi). Your child will learn about what is important to Sikh people. They will learn about key beliefs and be able to identify the 5Ks and why they are important to Sikhs. They will also learn about the Guru Granth Sahib (holy book) and link this to seva (Sikh belief of selfless service).

Computing

In Computing lessons, your child will be learning about online safety. Also they will explore the concepts of input, process, and output. These concepts are fundamental to all digital devices.

Reading and Home Learning

In year 3 children will be using Accelerated Reading books at home. In the next few weeks your child will complete their Accelerated Reading Quiz to assess their reading level. When they have completed this, we will send home a book at the appropriate reading level. They will be sent home with a username and login. Children can complete Accelerated Reading Quizzes- about their reading book- at home. If this is not possible for children to complete these at home, we can make arrangements for children to complete the quiz in school.

Your child will be expected to bring in their reading planner and book daily, if they have finished their book, a new book will be sent home. If your child wishes to continue reading their book it will not be changed.

It is important that your child reads daily so that they are able to make as much progress as possible. Please fill their reading record in at home to show the reading your child has completed. Do let us know if they have enjoyed the book. We do also like hearing about any other books they have been reading at home.

Your child will receive weekly home learning.

Children should log onto their Times Table Rock Star accounts. Each Friday a TTRS school competition will be set.

Targeted Key learning for mathematics will be set each Friday focusing on the learning taught that week. The children can use their Home learning books to answer questions, or write on the sheet.

Weekly spellings will also be set on a Friday following the Year 3 National Curriculum. The children will be introduced to a new spelling pattern on the Friday and taught using EdShed spellings the following week. Please ensure children are practising their spellings at home. Passwords and logins will be sent home shortly for your child to login to use Edshed online to complete challenges and games to support their learning. The children will be quizzed on the spellings the following Friday before a new set of spellings will be introduced.

Each of our Topic lessons in class are linked to a Big Idea: comparison , change, creativity , humankind, investigation, Materials, Nature, Place and Space, Processes and significance. Your child will be given a weekly challenge linked to one of ' Big Ideas'. In their homework book they can write, draw, create and share their learning linked to the big Idea. Or if preferred their learning can be emailed to me at n.stickens@teynham.kent.sch.uk.

Home learning will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday.

P.E.

This term, PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on these days in their full PE kit (white t shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms and black trainers) so that they can fully participate in the lessons. No earrings are allowed to be worn during P.E. lessons, therefore they need to be able to take them out themselves, or have them taken out in the morning before school.

If you need to contact me at any point, please email me at n.stickens@teynham.kent.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,
Miss N Stickens
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