# Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents

It was lovely to welcome you all back to school this September. The children have settled really well into their new classes and new routines. They have a great deal of enthusiasm for their learning and are obviously enjoying their return to school life.

We would like to thank you all for working with us to ensure the smooth and safe delivery and collection of the children from the school site.

The teachers this year in year three are Ms. Preston and Miss Reynolds. Together with the support of Mrs Ellis and Mrs Polden (teaching assistants), we are looking forward to a safe and successful year. Mrs Small also teaches 3P outdoor games on a Thursday afternoon.

**Games sessions**
Year 3 sports sessions for both classes will be as follows:

- **Outdoor games:**
  **Thursday afternoon and Friday morning (weather dependent)**

Although these are our allotted P.E. times, they are weather dependent and we may need to reschedule. As a result, please make sure your child's P.E. kit is in school at all times.
Their P.E. kit must be in a suitable, named bag and each item needs to be **clearly labelled** with their full name and class. Please check the fit of your child's P.E. kit as some have clearly grown in the last six months.
Please remember that your child will need the new navy Davington P.E kit in order to participate in lessons. Plain navy joggers and a school jumper will be needed as the weather gets colder. Your child will also need a pair of trainers for outside Games sessions. If your child has long hair, please ensure that they have their hair tied back and that earrings are removed on P.E. days. P.E. kits will be sent home each holiday for washing.

**Water**
It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day. As our water fountains are no longer in use, please send in a named water bottle that they can use during the day. These can be bought in the school office. Please ensure your child brings water not squash.

**Break Time Snacks**
With the current Covid situation, we are unable to provide break time snacks from the Fruit Café. The children may bring their own fruit which can be kept in their bag until break time.
(Please refer to the Parent Handbook for advice on snacks for the children as we promote healthy eating within our school.)

## Homework

### Reading

The two **most important** activities you can do with your child is listening to them read as well as reading to them.

**All children need to read for 10 minutes every day with an adult when possible.**

We ask the children to bring their reading book and reading record to school each day and put them in their tray. Children who have read at least three times in one week will be given a sticker on a chart. Once the children have six stickers, they are awarded their bronze reading award and bookmark, moving towards a silver and gold award.

You can support your child further in their reading by asking them questions about their book using **Who, Where, When, Why, What and How questions.** .e.g. 'What do you think will happen next?' 'Why do you think …… did that?

If you need any help moving your child on with their reading, please come and see us so we can offer support. They will earn reading rewards for reading three times a week which must be signed by an adult.

In year 3 we encourage greater independence in the children. As such, reading books will be changed by the children themselves as often as required. We quarantine returned books for 72 hrs to try and avoid cross contamination.

In Year 3, we move away from book banding and begin using accelerated reader to allocate books with a suitable level of challenge. The children have taken a reading quiz which then gives us a benchmark level appropriate to their comprehension. Every time your child finishes a book, we encourage them to take a quiz on their book. This gives us an idea how well they have understood the text. If the children pass the quizzes, this gradually raises the level of challenge and their reading level.

### Library time

All children have timetabled access to our wonderful library each week. They need to bring their library book back to school on our allotted day as we cannot guarantee that they can be changed at other times.

**3P- Tuesday** **3R - Wednesday**

### Painting Overalls

Your child will need a painting apron in year 3 so we would be grateful if you could supply them with an old shirt or suitable apron. If you have any spares we would be grateful for those too, thank you!

Yours sincerely

**Miss Reynolds and Ms Preston**
**Year 3 Class Teachers**

Ms Preston

# Year 3 - Terms 1 and 2 2020

## Science

**Rocks** – We will compare and group different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and physical properties. We will also be looking into how the rocks were formed.

We will describe how fossils are made and investigate soils and what they are made of.

We will also be carrying out exciting practical experiments to investigate rocks and soils.

## Computing

We will be teaching the children how to use the internet safely including using search engines and how to keep themselves and others safe.

We will be introducing algorithms, learning how to debug programs, as well as creating programs of our own.

We will continue to develop and revise our word processing skills.

## Design Technology

This term, the children will be designing and creating Stone Age cave art using authentic media. They will also be creating, designing and decorating Stone Age rocks.

In term 2, we will begin our weaving. The children will be planning their colour schemes and using this as a basis for their design.

## Religious Education

**Christianity:**
We will be marking and celebrating special moments such as baptism and festivals. We will also be thinking about our own beliefs and what it means to belong to a community.

## Languages

The children will be learning numbers 1-20, colours and the days of the week in French. We will also be looking at France, where it is and information about the country.

## P.S.H.E.

This term we will be focused on the children's emotional wellbeing. We will also look at hygiene and healthy eating as well as learning about how to keep themselves healthy.

## Art and Design

We will be honing our sketching and drawing skills including the use of watercolours.
The children will also be creating pictures using wax resist. We will also be using natural pigments to create cave paintings.

## Geography

Over the next two terms, we will be looking at both physical and human geography, including settlements.
We will be focussing on mountains and volcanoes and how these are formed.

## History

We will be learning about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age, focussing on homes, food, trading and cave paintings. The children will learn why people chose specific locations for settlements in the Stone Age and will scrutinise the evidence we have today that tells us about their way of life.

## Music

The children will be listening and responding to a variety of music to include Vivaldi's Four Seasons. They will be writing poetry and creating pictures in response to the music that they listen to and discuss in class.

## PE

In Games lessons, the children will be learning Ultimate Frisbee. Through this, they will develop their throwing and catching skills.

They will be participating in a range of games and fitness activities outdoors.

# Davington Termly Overview
# YEAR 3

## Term 1:

**You may want to consider doing the following English activities with your child:**

We have been looking at how to write our own stories.

- Create a story map- include where you start, characters and events.
- Use your story map to tell your story to an adult.
- Write the opening to your story using correct punctuation and interesting sentence openers.
- Can you use your story map to continue writing you story? Add adjectives.

*Reading*

*Read with your children every day if possible.*

You may also wish to read along with our class books at home:
Stone Age Boy –Satoshi Kitamura
The Giraffe the Pelly and me- Roald Dahl
Alice in Wonderland- Lewis Caroll

**You may want to consider doing the following Maths activities with your child:**

**Work at your child's own level.**

Partitioning – How many hundreds, tens and ones are in a number (or just tens and ones if hundreds is a challenge).
Work on knowing number bonds to 20 off by heart.
(2 numbers which when added together make 20 eg. 17+3=)

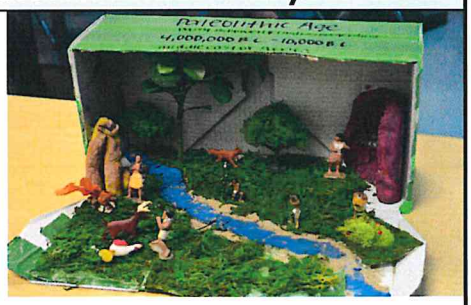
Telling the time: O'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. (extra challenge- 5 min intervals)

Times tables- children in year 3 need to know their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
Start by learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Then work on the 3 and 4 times tables, followed by the 8s.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9C4EN7mFHCk 2x tables
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZAqhF_2vvs 5x tables
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDUJ7pCdaW8 10 x tables

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XzfQUXqiYY 3x tables song
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJY1_fzzM6Y 4x tables song
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0X620leUkYE 8x tables song

**You may want to consider doing the following Creative or Topic related activities with your child:**

Create your own Stone Age shoe box scene.



As we are unable to sing at school at the moment, we would like the children to access some of the songs would normally sing in school.

French:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsEz58BblMY numbers
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QI0abuwq31g Frère Jacques
History:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuSf5oq5OOo We Will Rock You
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfOxzxskchk Paleo rap
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytJFPem0eoI Stone Age song

**You may want to consider doing the following Physical and Emotional Well-Being activities with your child:**

We have read and discussed the colour monster with the class. The link to this story is below. It has been a really useful way of the children discussing how they might be feeling. The children could make their own feelings chart to help them talk about how they might be feeling.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWujGPb6mgo

Autumn is fast approaching. It is a lovely time of year to take a walk and see how many changes are beginning to happen. Are the leaves still on the trees? What has happened to the flowers?

**Sharing your child's home learning:**

**Please email your child's home learning to the Year group email account:**

**Year3@davington.kent.sch.uk**

**We are not able to reply to your emails directly, however we look forward to celebrating your child's learning with them.**