

# Year 3



Welcome back to Autumn 2! We hope you are refreshed and ready for the second half of the Autumn Term.

During this half term our main unit of learning has a History focus. We will be seeking to answer the question 'How did Britain change between the beginning of the Stone Age and the end of the Iron Age?' We cannot wait to 'kick-start' this learning on our residential to Mount Cook at the end of week 2. If you have any questions about the residential please get in touch.



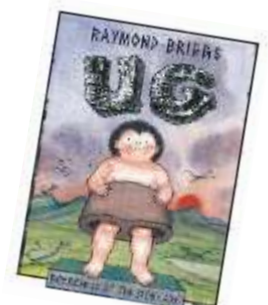
In **Science**, we will be exploring how muscles work in pairs to create movement and learning about the important function of the skeleton.

Congratulations to all those who produced wonderful homework last half term. A new bingo homework has been uploaded to MS Teams so let's see what incredible contributions you make this half term!

Encouraging and nurturing a love of **reading** is something that all KEPS staff are very passionate about. In support of this, classrooms open early at 8:50am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to provide additional opportunities for our children to read. We also have brilliant new library facilities in school and all children in Year 3 are invited spend time during the week making informed choices about what to read and discussing these choices with others to share recommendations.

In **English**, we use a 'book study' technique to develop and refine reading and writing skills. Our focus text this half term is 'Ug: Boy Genius Of The Stone Age' by Raymond Briggs. Other fiction books on this subject that you might like to explore are:

- 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura.
- 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King.
- 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe' by Kathleen Fidler.
- 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth' by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley.
- 'The First Drawing' by Modicai Gerstein.
- 'The Wild Way Home' by Sophie Kirtley.



In **Maths**, we continue to explore a variety of operations using increasingly more complex numbers. Each week these skills are put to the test in our Times Tables Rock Stars, Fluent in 5, Rapid Reasoning and problem solving challenges. Rehearsing mental recall of key facts is important.

### Quick reminders:

- ✓ Drop off and pick up are busy times for staff who are ensuring that every child is safe and hand over is smooth. Please be mindful of this if you feel there is something you need to discuss with a member of staff at the beginning or end of the day. We politely ask you to wait until all the children are received / dismissed. Alternatively, leaving a message with the office or dropping us an email is an efficient way of relaying pertinent information.
- ✓ Water is available in school. Children need a water bottle from home.
- ✓ Year 3 do not have lunch until around 12:45pm so it is a good idea to bring a healthy snack (fruit or equivalent) to eat at morning break.
- ✓ PE kit should be in school every day. All kit should be labelled. Weather permitting, lessons will continue to take place outside this half term. Children are encouraged to wear a blue tracksuit over their shorts and t-shirt so that they can keep warm.
- ✓ All children have access to MS Teams, Times Tables Rock Stars, the 'Doodle' platforms and PurpleMash.
- ✓ Why not follow us on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. Year 3 use the hashtag #ClassOf2026

Many thanks for your continued support. Please email rather than messaging on TEAMS if you have any questions or queries.

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