

# Halstow Primary School

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## Autumn 1 Newsletter Year 3

Dear Year 3 parents and guardians,

We are so excited to begin the Autumn term of Year 3! Each half term, we will send a newsletter outlining our key learning of the term.

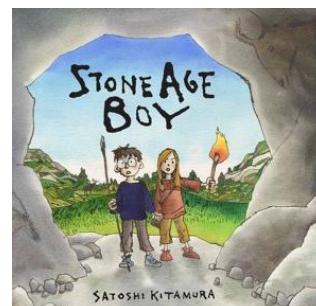
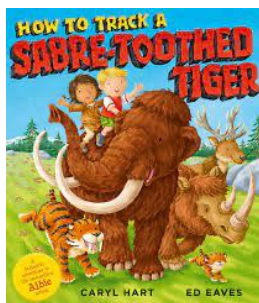
### Reading

In Reading, we will be exploring texts as a whole class and focusing on the skills, beginning with a non-fiction text on the Stone Age. We will then spend time exploring the story of Noah's Ark, then followed by exploring Michael Rosen's poem 'I was Born in the Stone Age', followed by 'Stone Age Boy'. We will end the term on some texts by Benjamin Zephaniah.

Then, together we will read a fictional novel called 'The Wild Way Home' by Sophie Kirtley. Each chapter ends with a cliff hanger, which hopefully will make us want to read on to find out what happens next!



### Writing

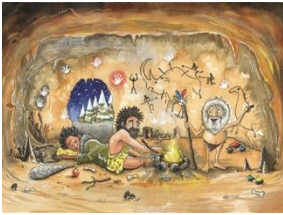


We kicked off the term by writing a retell of 'How to Track a Sabre-Toothed Tiger', linking to the History curriculum. We will continue to write a captivating retell recapping our literary skill from previous year. This will then be followed by a wordless text, the children will then create their own story from the text emphasis and using rich descriptions. To end the term, children will be writing a letter as the main character in 'Stone Age Boy'

## Maths

In Maths this term, we follow the White Rose small steps, and will be covering Place Value for the first four weeks, followed by Addition and Subtraction. This will follow on into the second Autumn term. As mentioned in the homework overview, please find the workbooks attached for the units these will cover. These are a useful tool if you would like to pre-teach these units to support your child's learning, or to do at the end of a unit to consolidate their learning. We will be continuing with discrete fluency sessions in Year 3, beginning with a consolidation of KS1 Mastering Number, focusing on number bonds and key number facts.

## Wider Curriculum



In history, we are learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. This week, the children have had a special visit from a cave lady who has immersed them in the Stone Age! <https://www.prehistoricexperiences.com/>.

In science, we will be learning about 'Rocks and Soils' and there will be a range of exploratory investigations for the children to be hands on Scientists! In art, children will be exploring the symbols and techniques involved in Aboriginal art. In PSHE we are learning about relationships. We will explore positive and negative friendships, loneliness, and discrimination. This term in RE we are exploring the question, 'How did the World Begin?' We will be looking at the creation stories of Jews, Christians and Muslims and comparing similarities and differences of the creation stories. In computing, we are beginning the term by exploring E-Safety. For the Autumn term, we will be delving into coding/Lego robotics using our new LEGO SPIKE sets, provided by Friends of Halstow.

## PE

Indoor PE this term will be circuit training in one unit, and ball skills for our other unit.

Please see your child's PE days below:

**Miss Cole's** - Mondays and Wednesdays

**Mrs Lizzimore** – Tuesdays and Friday

We look forward to sharing some of your child's wonderful learning with you at parents evening later this term. If you need to contact us before parents evening, please contact the school office and they will pass on a message to us. If you have any questions, you can contact us through the office at [hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk](mailto:hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk) and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Cole and Mrs Lizzimore