



## WHAT WE ARE WE LEARNING YEAR 3 - AUTUMN TERM 2019



**English:** Our core texts this term are Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura and Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare. The pupils will start the year developing their descriptive writing skills focusing on settings to create atmosphere and imagery for the reader. We will then move onto writing instructional texts about making and designing a Roman Shield.

**Maths:** We will begin the term embedding basic skills and expanding our knowledge of Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. There will be a focus on mental maths skills and pupils will be tested regularly on their speed and understanding of the times tables (3, 4 and 6).

**Science:** We will be investigating the features of rocks and how fossils and soils are formed. We then move on to exploring 'Light' and investigating the properties of light and why it is so important to the planet.



### Educational Visit

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - Museum of London

All three classes will visit the Museum of London to experience the 'London Before London' and 'Roman London' exhibitions.

### This half term our topic is 'Pre-History - The Time Before Writing'

**History:** Prehistory and the Romans. We will explore the various periods of Prehistory and visit the Museum of London to further our knowledge. We will be exploring how the Romans lived by researching the spread of the Roman Empire and their influence on Britain.

**RE:** Pupils will be learning around the two key questions:

- What is the significance of light in religion?
- How are symbols and sayings important for different faiths?

### **Other important information:**

- Homework and Reading: Homework is given out every FRIDAY and handed back in by the following WEDNESDAY. Please support us by ensuring your child completes their homework independently. Children have been given a reading record. Please listen to your child read and write a comment on how they have read in their reading record. Your child needs to practise their times tables on a daily basis.
- PE is on a THURSDAY afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit with them that day. Please do not send your child in PE kit at the start of the day.
- It is important that you bring your child's book bag into school every day with their reading record and library book as they will be using them on a daily basis.
- Information about the life of the school (letters, bulletins, accident report forms etc.) are very often put into book bags so a daily check is highly recommended.

### Year 3 Staff

Miss Howe - Assistant Head (3H)  
Miss Jones - Class Teacher (3J)  
Mr Madden - Class Teacher (3M)

### Chess Lessons

As part of developing critical thinking skills and improving reasoning, all Year 3 pupil will receive chess lessons on a Wednesday afternoon - you can help by playing games at home to improve the skills learnt.