



September 2018

Dear Bluebirds, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 3 Bluebirds. We hope you had a fantastic summer!

Year 3 Bluebirds' curriculum

This term, Bluebirds' new topic in **History** is the Stone Age. Throughout the topic children will be developing their history skills by improving upon their chronology to establish when this period was and what man did to survive and develop. They will use evidence to interpret and investigate the past, enabling them to compare the Stone Age with modern Britain. Children will be creating cave paintings and learning how to dye material within **Art and Design** lessons. This topic will be enhanced with a trip to Sarehole Mill in October. In **Geography**, children will study Great Britain by developing their use of atlases, maps and globes to locate places and physical features.

In **Maths**, children will be developing their number skills and knowledge in place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In **English**, children will be exploring text types of journey tales, non-chronological reports, instructions and tales of fear. In **Computing**, children will be learning about e-safety aspects besides being taught programming by Mr Baddhan.

In Year 3, Bluebirds are very fortunate to have a specialist teacher for their **French** lessons every week and will be studying Geology, Mixtures and Separation within their weekly **Science** lessons. **P.E.** will be every Tuesday and Thursday with Mr Gill. Please ensure your child has their kit in school.

Homework

As per the school's homework policy, your child will have homework which will not exceed the 1.5 hours per week for this year group.

These will include, over the year, activities such as:

- Reading
- Spellings and activities
- Grammar and punctuation activities
- Maths activities
- Researching topics
- Handwriting practice



In Year 3, your child will be learning spelling rules rather than a list of words for a weekly test, although they will receive some specific spellings to practise from the statutory Year 3/4 word list. These will be tested at the end of every half term. Therefore, children will come home each week with a spelling activity to apply the spelling rule they have learned that week.

Your child will be tested on their Number Club on Tuesday of the next week. In Year 3, pupils need to learn the 3,4 and 8 times tables so please practise these as much as possible. Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly and sign their reading record book as this will be checked on a daily basis. Regular reading supports and improves learning in every subject. Other homework will be given out as required, and you will always have a note of when it must be returned.

Finally, please ensure your child has a named drinking bottle in class every day.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Parry and Mrs Johnson