



# Year 3 Newsletter

Upton Junior School

This booklet gives a quick resume of our teaching and learning programme for Term 2. Further detail about the curriculum can be found on our website or on MCAS.

## DATES

Date:	Activity:	Year/Class:
01/11/21	INSET DAY—School Closed to all Pupils	Whole School
02/11/21	School opens to all pupils 8:40 am (B/fast Club from 7:45am)	Whole School
11/11/21	Armistice Day—children can wear service uniforms (cubs, Brownies etc)	Whole School
15/11/21	Odd Sock Day—no donation, just funky socks!	Whole School
19/11/21	Children in Need - spotty non-uniform day £1 donation	Whole School
30/11/21	Open Day see our website for more details	Year 2 Parents
01/12/21	Open Day see our website for more details	Year 2 Parents
03/12/21	Elf Day for Alzheimer's Society (more to follow)	Whole School
07/12/21	Children's Flu Vaccines	Whole School
08/12/21	Year 3 and Year 5 Christmas Dinner	Year 3 & Year 5
13/12/21	School to Holy Trinity Church	Whole School
14/12/21	Year 3 and Year 5 Christmas Party	Year 3 & Year 5
16/12/21	Year 3 and Year 5 Panto Trip	Year 3 & Year 5
10/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
17/12/21	End of Term 2 school closes at 2:15 pm	Whole School
<b>START OF TERM 3</b>		
04/01/22	INSET day: School closed to all pupils	Whole School
05/01/22	School opens to all pupils from 8:40 am (B/fast Club from 7:45am)	Whole School



## TOPICS FOR TERM 2

### Rock Bottom

In our new topic, Rock Bottom, we will be looking at the Stone Age era. This is a really exciting topic in which the children will get the opportunity to learn about and make Stone Age tools, shelters, cave paintings, fossils and so much more!





# ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

## [ Music- Term 2 3B and 3G ]

At Upton we teach the National Curriculum for Music through the focus of a different instrument each year. Each class receives three terms of music lessons per year, delivered in afternoons by our specialist music Mr Langridge.

**Year 3** will learn how to play the recorder.

We hold a stock of recorders and children use them each week. After each lesson the recorders are then sterilised before being stored for the next week. This has always been our practice before Covid, but we are aware that many parents may feel uneasy about this. If you would prefer your child not to use a class recorder, you will need to purchase a recorder for them. Below is a link to an excellent beginner descant recorder from Amazon, for the price of 8.99!

**NB:** If you do purchase an instrument, please resist the urge to buy the brightly coloured ones from well known toy or superstores - they are never very good and ultimately lead to a disappointed child!

[Link to Amazon](#)

## [ Computing- Term 2 3R and 3Y ]

We start the life of Upton's Computing Curriculum with a "Computer Skills License". This helps all children at Upton getting used to Windows, saving on the network and accessing the internet safely. With Upton's own TEACH-IT Year 3 curriculum, the children learn to: Use-IT, Draw-IT, Type-IT, Find-IT, Surf-IT, Merge-IT

## [ PE and Swimming ]

### All classes will have PE in Term 2

PE takes place every **Thursday**. Children will need to come in wearing their outdoor PE kits which they can stay in for the day. Please ensure children have weather appropriate kit include tracksuit which can be dark black or blue. With no large logos.

### 3B & 3G will have Swimming in Term 2

Swimming: In week 1 swimming will be on Wednesday, from week 2 onwards lessons will be on a **Tuesday**. Children will need to bring their swimming kit, swimming costume (full swimsuit for girls and fitted shorts for boys), swimming hat, goggles and towel in a bag. Please ensure all items are named.

Year 3 need to be able to change and dress themselves quickly for swimming lessons, please ensure children can do buttons, undo ties and do not wear tights on the day they swim.

### Modern Foreign Languages with 3R and 3Y in Term 2

In their first term of Mandarin, the children are introduced to Chinese characters, tones and pinyin. They learn how to introduce themselves and have a basic conversation in Chinese (Hello, my name's ... What's your name? How are you? I'm well, thank you. Goodbye). They also learn to recognise and write the following characters. 中文 (Chinese language), 大 (big), 小 (small), 好 (good), 不 (not), 人 (person), 也 (also), 他 (he).

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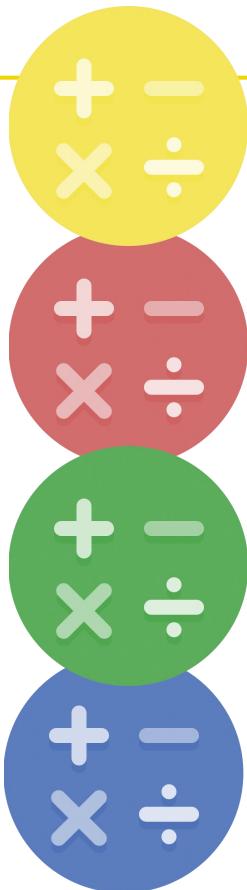
Year 3 will look at the topics 'What do we know about Jesus?' How and why do Hindus celebrate Diwali?



## MATHS

### Maths

Our Maths curriculum is taught through blocks, covering the seven different strands of mathematics. This term, we will focus on multiplication and division.



### Number - Multiplication and Division

- To multiply using equal groups
- To use the symbol for multiplication
- To use arrays for multiplication
- To learn the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables
- To share by making equal groups
- To use grouping
- To divide by 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8
- To compare statements
- To identify related calculations
- To multiply up to 2-digits by a 1-digit, with regrouping
- To divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number, with regrouping
- To divide 100 into 2, 5, 10 and 4 equal parts
- To divide with remainders

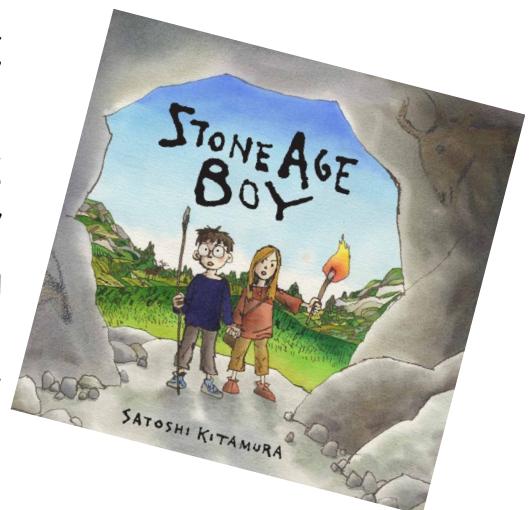


# ENGLISH

At Upton we believe that reading should truly be at the heart of the English curriculum. Through reading, pupils learn how to write and apply spelling, punctuation and grammar conventions.

Reading is a pillar of our civilization, present in every facet of society, and pupils who read well will ultimately have greater access to our textually rich world. Generating a long-lasting love of books and affinity with quality texts is key to an inclusive and inspiring English Curriculum. With this in mind, we have adopted a 'Text-Based Curriculum', where all aspects of English teaching and learning revolve around a chosen text.

This term, some of the Year 3 children will continue with the Read, Write, inc. books whilst our text-based book will be:



One day a **little boy** is walking along when he trips, stumbles and falls ... into the Stone Age! He meets a girl his own age and her tribe, and learns all about their way of life. He watches them make tools, clothes and weapons.

**STONE AGE BOY**  
BY SATOSHI KITAMURA



## Homework

This term, the children will begin being sent homework for spellings and maths alongside the usual reading they have been completing this term. A letter regarding this will be sent home with further information.

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