

A very warm welcome to Catkin Class. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. The Year 3 teacher this year is Mrs Griffiths and you may have already met the supporting staff: Mrs Shamuyarira and Miss Hahn.


In the first half of this term our topic is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. The children will be learning about the earliest civilisations and the progression of technology and society. In Science, we will be learning about Rocks and Soils including how to classify differences and their significance.

We hope that your child is settling into Catkin Class happily, please can we ask that all children have a named waterproof coat in school daily, particularly as the weather changes. Do let us know if there is anything more we can do to support your child. Please do not hesitate to ask about any aspect of your child's work and Experiences at school.

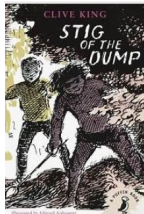
English

Ted Hughes
the Iron
man

Our English units will take inspiration from key texts this term.

 For the first half term we will be using 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes as a focus for writing character and setting descriptions.

After half term, we will be writing a recount inspired by the book 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King.



Home Learning

We ask all children to complete the following tasks each week:

- **Reading** - Children should aim to read for five minutes every day and log this in their reading journals. Twice a week, children should complete a longer response to their reading.
- **Times tables** - Children should complete their 5 weekly garage games on Times Table Rockstars.
- **Maths and English** - Children will be bringing home a maths homework sheet in their homework folders every Friday. We will mark homework together on Thursdays.
- **Spellings** - Children will receive new spelling lists on a Monday to take home and learn. These will be tested on the Friday.

Fluency Targets

This Terms fluency target is 'To know number bonds of 10 up to 100' Please continue to practise these at home every week.

Mathematics

- Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division

Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Development

In PSHE this half term we will be looking at relationships.

Life Skills: Learn your address off-by-heart and posting a Christmas card.

Religious Education

The overarching key question for the first half term is: **How are different people inspired by the teachings of Jesus??**

In Autumn 2 we will be exploring: **How does the worldwide Christian family celebrate, worship and mark key events?**

P.E

PE this year will be on a Monday, so children should come to school wearing the correct PE kit: white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a black hoodie and sports trainers.

