

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 Sandhu and supported by Mrs Noel.

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. After half term in Geography we will be focusing on understanding the geographical features of the UK including a comparison of Milton Keynes with Stratford Upon Avon and in Science we will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

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.

English

Ted Hughes
the Iron
man

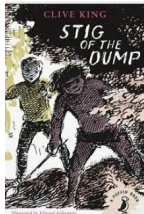


Our English units will take inspiration from key texts this term.

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.



Art/Design and Technology

In Art we will explore charcoal as a drawing material, what is charcoal and where does it come from.

After half term we will be using a range of techniques and materials to create a monster that has a moving part.

P.E

PE this year will be on a Wednesday, 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.

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 & English homework sheet in their homework folders every Friday.
- **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 Term's 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

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: **Why does it matter if we are part of a community or not?**

