

Welcome to Year 3!



Welcome to the Year 3 team 😊

Class 7 are taught by Miss Callaby, with support from Mr Powell. Class 8 are taught by Mrs Mulvihill, with support from Miss Taylor.

Mrs Baldwin and Mr Jackson will also teach some lessons each week in Year 3. Mrs Powley will be taking some children for intervention lessons.

What will my child be learning?

Our topics in Year 3 will be Invaders and Settlers, Our Community and Ancient Egypt.

Home learning mats can be found in the home learning diary and are added to the class page on the school website each half term, linking to the new topic.

Each year group also have Golden Opportunities which they will tick off as the year progresses. These can also be found in the home learning diaries alongside our Beechwood Golden Opportunities which children will tick off by the end of their time at Beechwood.

Year 3 Golden Opportunities

 experience what life was like in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age	 explore historical sources with an expert	 pretend to be a Viking in a drama workshop	 visit Meanwood Valley Farm and learn to make soil	 begin to speak French	 collect rocks and fossils
 challenge ourselves to complete the golden mile	 read a Roald Dahl book	 set our own goals	 adopt a tree	 take part in the Nell Bank residential	 go on a scavenger hunt
 become an outdoor survival expert	 go pond dipping	 make a link with a local care home	 learn about how to help in our community	 do something to make a difference	 create recipes to make different types of bread
 read a newspaper	 take photos with a digital camera	 make different kinds of maps	 visit a science museum	 take part in a workshop about Egyptian mummification	 learn to write hieroglyphics
 make our own class museum	 be able to tell the time	 grow different seeds	 watch the clouds	 explore different creation stories	 learn to play the gluckenspiel

Beechwood Golden Opportunities

 make something to sell	 learn about the library reading challenges	 learn about Remembrance Day	 raise money for charity	 take part in an assembly	 learn and perform different poems
 learn to be resilient, calm, confident, creative and wise through My Mental Health Rocks	 meet an author	 set up your own art exhibition	 become a Beechwood playground leader	 become an eco-warrior	 stand for school council
 choose different after-school clubs	 experience Beechwood Bake-off	 observe Black History Month	 learn about Diwali	 find out about about Hanukkah	 learn about Christmas
 celebrate Chinese New Year	 take part in International Women's Day	 find out about Eid	 learn about Pride	 observe Refugee Day	 take part in Afro Hair Day
 be part of Spirit Alive!	 Perform on a stage	 Learn PE skills with a professional sports coach	 Help to look after our school gardens	 Experience learning in the amphitheatre	 Consider what we might like to do in the future

Year 3 home learning grid

Topic Vocabulary

prehistory/prehistoric

This is the period in history when there were humans on Earth but no written records.

hunters and gatherers

Early Stone Age people hunted and gathered their food.

archaeologist

A person who digs underground (excavates) to find artefacts (like tools, weapons, pots, parts of houses) that tell us about life in the past.

primary source

An artefact or source of information that was created at the time.

secondary source

Information about a period of history that does not come from that time.

wattle and daub

A house was built with wattle (sticks) and daub (clay, straw, mud and animal poo).

Useful Weblinks

BBC Bitesize - Videos, activities and information

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk>

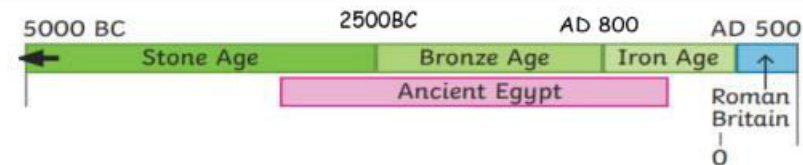
DK Find Out -

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/bronze-age/>



Autumn Term 1 **History** **Learning Grid for** **Year 3**

Invaders and settlers - Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age



Facts to learn

The Stone Age is the prehistoric period of time when humans learned how to use stone to make tools to help them survive.

For thousands of years Stone Age people moved around the countryside to find food. They followed wild animals and gathered berries, fruit, water, plants and nuts to eat.

Towards the end of the Stone Age (around 600 years ago) some hunter gatherers became farmers.

2100 BC Bronze was used in Britain to make tools, weapons and jewellery.

800 AD Iron began to be used and the Iron Age began. When bronze and then iron were discovered, people could make better tools and weapons to help them improve how they lived.

Home Learning Challenge Ideas - These are just suggestions because there is so much you could choose to find out about and do 😊

- Find out what life was like during this time and make a poster for us to display.
- Make something connected to one of these time periods. You could even have a go at making a Bronze Age/Iron Age house.
- If you like animals, you could do drawings, a booklet or a factfile about the animals which lived in prehistoric Britain.
- You could have a go at creating your own Stone Age painting.



We would love to see any of your own topic work that you choose to do at home. We are looking forward to sharing what you do and displaying it on the Beechwood Website.

How can I support my child at home?

Spellings are sent home every Monday so that children can practise these at home as well as at school. There will be a spelling test on Friday.

Name: _____

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Spelling practise

Use the grid to help practise your spellings at home. Spellings will be tested in school on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home.

Our spelling rule this week is:



Look, say, cover, write, check!							
Hard	1.	3.	Harder	5.	7.	Hardest	9.
	2.	4.		6.	8.		10.

How can I support my child at home?

Maths homework will be set weekly on a Monday and is due back the following Monday.

Children are asked to read at least 3 times a week and this should be recorded in their home learning diaries.

Please continue to practise times tables with your child, both multiplication and division facts. Knowing these facts really helps your child feel more confident in Maths lessons.

Children can access TT Rock Stars at home to help them with quick recall of times tables facts.

Who can I speak to?

Your child's teacher and teaching assistant will be available to speak to quickly on the playground in the morning and afternoon.

For any bigger queries or conversations, please speak to our office team and they can arrange a meeting or a phone call with your child's class teacher.

A member of our SLT will be available each morning on the school grounds.

Where can I find out about events in school?

Important dates will be sent out via the school newsletter.

Class pages are updated regularly on the school website showing photos and updates of what your children have been learning about in school. This year, we also have an Awards page to celebrate certificate winners each week.

Texts are sent home via my school app so please make sure you are signed up to this.



What happens before and after school?

All children should wait on the playground accompanied by an adult.

We ask that no ball games are played before or after school and children must not play on the adventure trail or climb on the walls, for their own safety.

Class teachers will come out to collect their class at 8:45am and children know where to line up.

At 3:15pm, classes will be brought out to line up on the playground.

When your child lets us know they can see their parent/carer, they will be able to go.

Can my child cycle to school?

We encourage children to cycle and have areas where they can lock their bikes up safely. Bikes are stored at your own risk.

Bikes are not allowed to be ridden on school grounds for the safety of everyone.

What do I do if my child is being collected by someone else?

Please contact the office to inform us if someone other than a parent or carer is collecting your child that day. We are not allowed to let children leave without permission.

What can my child bring to school?

Children are asked to bring a water bottle into school each day. They will be kept in the classroom and should be separate from a lunchtime drink. The children will be able to access their drink regularly through the day. Children can also bring in a piece of fruit to eat at playtime.

Please can your child bring their home learning diary to school each day as we use these as part of some lessons. Please record any home learning and reading completed at home in these and they will be checked at school weekly.

PE will be on Mondays and Thursday for this half term, with one of these lessons being taught by a PE coach. Please make sure your child comes to school in PE kit on these days. They must wear/bring trainers and should not wear any jewellery.

School visits and visitors!

We believe that school visits and visitors are a really important part of how we teach our topics. This term, we will have 4 exciting history days led by history specialists. We will also visit Meanwood Valley Farm as part of our rocks and soils topic.



Nell Bank residential

This is a fantastic one night residential to an outdoor activity centre in Ilkley. During this residential, trained educationalists work with school staff and your children to take part in activities including pond dipping, orienteering and den building. You can find out more about Nell Bank on their website - <https://www.nellbank.org/>

More information will follow later this term and you will be able to pay in instalments over 4 weeks. Please contact the school office for more information. Can you help?



Attendance

In order for your child to enjoy all that is on offer at Beechwood and to ensure that they make the excellent progress that we know they can, it is important that they are in school each day on time. We have many exciting attendance rewards.

Just a few from last year were:

Cinema vouchers

Slime

Bubble football

*Have a look through some books from our
previous Year 3 children to see all your children
will be learning and achieving this year.
Feel free to ask any questions. Thank you for
coming and helping us to support your child with
their journey in Year 3 😊*