



Summer 2019 1st Half Term - Year 3

Hello and welcome back! We hope you've all had a relaxing Easter holiday and made the most of the lovely sunshine. The children have come back smiling and ready to learn.

In Team Adventure, we will be starting our new topic called **'Fire It Up!'** where we will be doing lots of exciting learning about electricity and circuits.

As the weather is now getting warmer, please ensure your child comes to school in the correct summer uniform, and has their Hilltop water bottle with them in school every day.

Class PE days are as follows:

Island – Monday and Thursday

Secret Garden - Monday and Thursday

English

★ **Poetry** – This term, we will be performing and writing various types of poems, such as kennings and narrative poetry. We will be focusing on **rhyming couplets, syllables & rhythm, alliteration and onomatopoeia**.

★ The **SPaG** skills we will be focusing on during this half term will include: **verb inflections, noun phrases & prepositional phrases**, e.g.

They was were getting ready for school.

That new pink bike is mine.
(‘Bike’ is the noun and the other words which describe the bike make up the noun phrase)

He hid beneath the duvet.

★ **Reading** - the children will continue to do weekly Cracking Comprehension sessions. Please continue to ensure your child has access to different texts at home to encourage reading for enjoyment.

★ **Spellings** - the children have already received their spellings before the half term to practice at home in preparation for their fortnightly Friday quizzes.

Maths

★ **Money** – Our new topic in mathematics will be money, where children will learn to convert between pounds and pence, and apply their place value knowledge to help them. We will then be using all four operations ($= - \times \div$) to solve money problems, e.g.

A class has £100 to spend on books.

Book Prices

Hardback = £8
Paperback = £4

How many books could they buy for £100? How many different ways can you find to do this?

★ **Times Tables** – By the end of Year 3, we hope all children will be able to confidently recall the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. We will continue to do a weekly times tables quiz in class to encourage the children to identify which tables they need to practice.

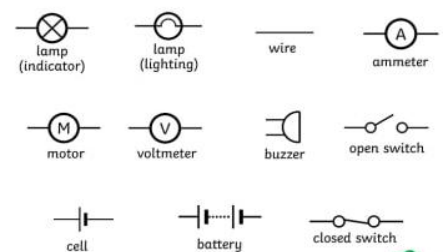
Experienceology

Our new topic is called **'Fire It Up!'** and we will be exploring electricity and the Stone Age. We hope to do lots of outdoor learning where children will be doing orienteering around the school.

★ In **Art & DT**, children will be designing, creating and then evaluating their own Stone Age sculptures using clay, based on existing landmarks, such as Stone-Henge.

★ In **Science**, we will be learning about electricity and how to make working circuits using switches, lights and buzzers. Children will then use these skills to create their own working quiz game.

Electrical Circuit Symbols



Reminders for this half term

★ **Science Museum Trip – Tuesday 7th May.** We are all so excited for our trip! Please make sure you have paid on SchoolGateway, and spoken to your child's class teacher if you are able to help.

★ **Grown-Ups in Golden Time – Friday 17th May**

★ **Sharing Assembly (Parents Welcome) – Secret Garden: 9th May**

Island: 16th May

★ **Summer Book Fair – 7th-14th May.** More information to follow.

Miss Khaliq and Miss Wilkie ☺