



## Autumn Term 2021



### Welcome Back!

It is so lovely to see you all back safe and well after the summer break! We hope that you had a restful and happy holiday and are ready to settle back into school life and all the exciting experiences that we have planned for you. We look forward to a term full of interesting learning and hard work.

### Our Autumn Term Topic - The Stone Age

This term's topic comes under the heading of 'What was life like in the Stone Age?'

This topic is history based so the children will be exploring historical evidence and how people lived in the past. They will experience different aspects of Stone Age life through cooking, art and design and technology.

### Science

In Science we will be looking at two different units.

The first is 'Rocks and Soils' and the second 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. Both will provide opportunities for hands-on learning through experimentation and practical tasks to support the development of scientific knowledge and understanding.

If you have any interesting rock samples or fossils that you would be happy to share with us, please send them in a labelled plastic container —thank you.

### Wider experiences!

Our school trips have become one of the most successful parts of our curriculum with children being able to utterly immerse themselves in the topic they are learning. This term, Years 3 and 4, have invited a Stone Age expert to share their knowledge and expertise to join us after October half term. This will be held in school and we would like the children to dress as a person from the Stone Age — please start thinking of simple costume ideas.

### Home-Learning

Home learning is an essential part of your child's education and is set every Friday. Completed work is expected to be brought in the following Friday where we will go through and mark the tasks set as a class. Home learning consolidates work completed in school and prepares them for future learning. Activities include; daily reading (at least 5 times a week), weekly spellings, a grammar task, a maths activity and regular practise of multiplication facts including the use of Times Tables Rock Stars.

**Thank you for supporting your children with this important part of their learning.**

*With best wishes for a successful term, The Middle School Team.*

### Other useful reminders

Please ensure that your child's uniform is fully labelled and that they **always** have the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
  - Water bottle (**named**)
  - Book bag or similar with reading book, reading diary and homework folder.
  - Full PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- 3/4A have PE on Mondays, 3/4G on Wednesdays and 3/4T on Thursdays.  
All three classes have PE on Tuesdays.

### Dates for your diary

Half term holiday week beginning 25th October  
Non-pupil days- 1st and 2nd November  
Stone Age Day— 4th November  
Middle School trip to the pantomime— 9th December  
KS2 Carol Service 14th December  
Last day of Autumn term- 17th December  
Inset day- 4th January  
First day of Spring term- 5th January

Remember that lots of useful information can be found on our website:

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/>

Our Calendar

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/calendar/>

Our Newsletters

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/news/>

Our Curriculum

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/curriculum-and-classes/middle-school/>

Our Safeguarding

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/information-hub/#safeguarding>



**'Love one another as I have loved you' (John 15:12).**