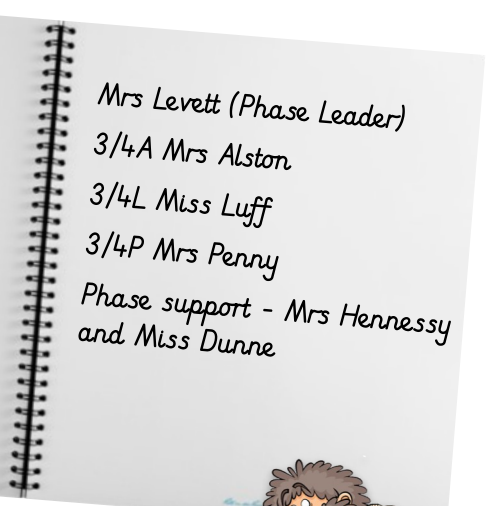
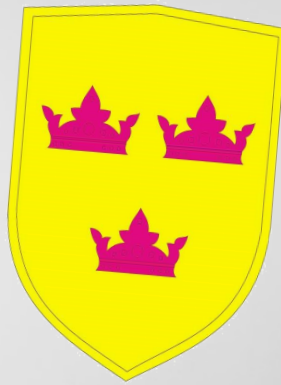




Middle School News

Autumn Term 2023



Mrs Levett (Phase Leader)
3/4A Mrs Alston
3/4L Miss Luff
3/4P Mrs Penny
Phase support - Mrs Hennessy
and Miss Dunne

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, will be inviting a Stone Age expert to share their knowledge and expertise with us. This will be held in school on Tuesday 7th November and we would like the children to dress as a person from the Stone Age — please start thinking of simple costume ideas.

We will send out more details, including costs, nearer the time.

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), an English 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 and reading diary
 - Full PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- 34A have PE on Tuesdays, 34L on Wednesdays and 34P on Thursdays.
All three classes have PE on Mondays.

Dates for your diary

Inset day - Friday 6th October

Half term holiday - week beginning 23rd October

Inset Day — Monday 30th October

Stone Age Day—Tuesday 7th November

Trip to the pantomime — Thursday 14th December

KS2 Carol Service —Tuesday 19th December

Last day of Autumn term - Thursday 21st December

Inset day - Friday 5th January

First day of Spring term - Monday 8th January

Remember that lots of important information can be found on the school website:

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

Our Calendar and Important Dates

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

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/school-holidays-and-term-dates/>

Our Newsletters

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

Our Curriculum

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

Our Safeguarding

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

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