



## Hope Class Newsletter Term 1

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to you all. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and that your children have been looking forward to being in Year 3 at Sutton Benger CE Primary School. They have settled really well so far and we are looking forward to working with them all.

Our first topic is: “The Stone Age to the Iron Age”, and will include an exciting visit to Oxenwood in a couple of week’s time, which we hope will stimulate the children’s curiosity about the past. (Further details to follow.) We will also be using our topic as a focus for our Geography, Music, Computing and Art & DT sessions: for example, the children will be reading and creating maps, singing a Stone Age song and adding accompaniments, sketching ideas and designing and making their own settlements. We will be following the National Curriculum for Maths and English, but also linking in skills with our topic wherever possible.

Our Science topic this term is: “Sound and States of Matter”. We will be exploring a number of different materials and classifying them as solids or liquids as well as learning about the arrangement of particles in different states of matter. In addition, we will be investigating and describing the water cycle and designing and setting up fair tests to find the factors that affect the rate of evaporation.

In R.E. this term, our key question is: “Would celebrating Divali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?” The children will be finding out what happens during the festival of Divali and whether the celebrations bring a sense of belonging to Hindus.

In PSHE, our topic is called: “Our Happy School”; this topic will focus on establishing ground rules, as well as taking personal responsibility for behaviour and consolidating strategies for working cooperatively with others.

In French, we will be learning different greetings and how to introduce ourselves with names and ages, as well as practising our numbers, with a focus on 1-10.

In P.E. the children will be developing their coordination skills and creating floor movement patterns with Mrs Bucksey on Tuesdays and on Wednesdays Mrs McSloy will be teaching Gymnastics with a focus on Shape.

If you have a particular interest in any of our topics or subjects and would like to come in and share resources or experiences with the children, it would be very much appreciated. Below is a quick reminder of what the children need to remember for specific days of the week. **The correct PE kit should be kept in school all week** (and preferably all term). We do try to get outside as much as possible for PE so the children should have both indoor and outdoor kit in school.

Monday	
Tuesday	P.E. kits
Wednesday	P.E. kits. Home Learning due in.
Thursday	Spellings tested.
Friday	Home Learning set.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to write a note in your child’s School Diary, or see one of us before or after school.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs McSloy and Mrs Bucksey