



**Holkham Class**  
**Autumn Term 2015 newsletter**

A very warm welcome to year 3! This is a very exciting time for your children, as they become juniors, and I look forward to sharing it with them all.

I would also like to introduce you to a new member of our class - Owliver the Owl. Every Friday the 'star of the week' will get to take Owliver home for the weekend. On Monday, we would love to hear what Owliver got up to with your child. It would be great if you could take a photograph of their adventures, or encourage your child to draw a picture so that we can make a display of all the fun Owliver has had with the class.

**Topic:** We are starting the year off by learning all about the stupendous Stone Age. We will be exploring how the very first humans lived and looking at the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

**English:** As part of our Stone Age topic, we will be taking inspiration from *Stone Age Boy* to write our own prehistoric stories.

**Maths:** Our first Maths lessons will be focusing on number, reinforcing number bonds and place value.

**P.E:** Year 3s will have P.E on a Thursday. Swimming lessons will be on Wednesdays (beginning 9<sup>th</sup> September). Children need to bring their own swimming costumes/trunks and towels. They may bring goggles if they wish, but they do not need them. Children with long hair need to have it tied back.

The junior playground has lots of fun areas to play in. If children wish to play on the field or the apparatus they need to bring in trainers (they can use outside trainers from their PE kit) to change into at playtimes.

**Important dates.**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September: Stone-Age trip to Gressenhall.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Year 3/4 class assembly

## **Homework.**

Homework is handed out on a Friday and is to be returned on Wednesdays. There will be a homework club during assembly time on Tuesdays for children who need extra support with their homework or are unable to do it at home.

Spellings are taught over a period of two weeks; spellings will be given out and tested every other Wednesday.

## **How you can help.**

Please read with your child as often as possible and encourage the learning of times tables.

Please help and support your child with their homework and spellings, as necessary.

Each day the children answer a 'question of the day'. When your child gets home from school, they may want to discuss their answers with you.

Here are some useful websites:

Numeracy: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/number/>

Literacy & Numeracy: <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

Spanish: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/spanish/>

Stone Age: <http://timetravellerkids.co.uk/time-travel/stone-age/>

## **Class Dojo**

All the children in year 3 are given their very own virtual Class Dojo monster. These monsters are given points for positive behaviours such as great teamwork, wonderful reading, being kind and helpful and producing super work. Your child will be sent home with a letter with a special code allowing you and your child to log on to Class Dojo at home. Children can change their monsters and check their points, and parents can see all the points their children have and why they were awarded. This is a fantastic way to see how well your child is doing at school. You can also send me messages via Class Dojo.

If you have any questions, I am always available to talk.

Many thanks,

Miss Stocker. ☺