



## Year 3 -Term 1 2023

### Welcome to Skegness Junior Academy

A very warm welcome to all children, parents and carers joining us here at Skegness Junior Academy. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are as excited as us to get started with another year of brilliant learning and development in year 3. Mrs Johnson, Mrs Krohnen and Miss Chapman are looking forward to getting to know you all and we know that in this first term there are a lot of new things to get used to, we are here to help you all along the way and if there is anything you need please do get in contact with us either in person or via reception.

### Getting started in Y3

Class Dojo- We use class dojo in lots of different ways. Children can earn points in school for good learning, behaviour and attitudes which they can then trade in for rewards, you can also see these points and celebrate with them at home. At the end of the week we have a Dojo champion and a Star of the Week and we celebrate these in Friday's celebration assembly.

Please sign up using the code sent out by your class teacher or scan the QR code in their window. Please note the class Dojo is **free**, whilst the app may suggest you can upgrade for a fee there is absolutely no requirement for you to do so, all the features you need to fully engage are available on the free version.



Xpressions- Please download the xpressions app if you don't already have it, this is used for whole school communications from the main school office. Please ensure that the office has your up to date email and phone numbers as this is what it uses to sign you in- See Mrs Pickering if you need any technical help.



ParentPay ParentPay- You will be sent details to sign up to ParentPay. You will need this to book and pay for any school lunches (including free school meals) as well as for school trips, swimming and charitable donations.

Home Reading/ Boom Reader (Previously known as GoRead)- Reading is very important to us and the pupils. Being able to read fluently opens up many more learning opportunities. Very soon your child will bring home a reading book which is matched to their reading/ phonic age. We ask that you read with your child at least 4 times per week at home and log this on the Boom Reader app. All pupils that achieve this, (with the reading being logged daily throughout the week) will receive a reading crown on a Friday. Please can reading books be returned to school daily in their book bags even if they are reading a longer book and it is not yet finished.



School lunches- Sadly, universal free school meals for all ends at Y2- If your child is entitled to free school meals or you would like to pay for their hot lunches they must be booked on ParentPay at least 2 weeks in advance- the order deadline closes on the Sunday night a full week before the lunch is required- if this deadline is missed you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child. You can always check on ParentPay which meals have and haven't been booked. Please Mrs Rowson if you need help with this.

Water and snack- Please send your child with a bottle of water every day, this must be water only in class, not flavoured or containing squash please. Also if your child would like a snack at break please ensure they bring a healthy option from home as free fruit is not available in KS2. Please no sweets or chocolate.



Be Inspired



## Year 3 -Term 1 2023 Time Travellers- The Stone Age



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Term 1 promises to be full of excitement as we begin to learn about what life was like in the Stone Age. We are very lucky to have the History Squad joining us for a Stone Age themed workshop at the beginning of term one! We will be reading about "Stone Age Boy" in English and then learning "

### Maths

This term we will be learning all about place value as we begin to extend our mathematical knowledge into 3 digit numbers. We will then begin to use these numbers in calculations to add and subtract, developing both our mental and written methods of calculation.



In year 3, learning our multiplication tables are of high importance. We will begin by securing our recall of the 2,5 and 10 and then move on to the 3,4 and 8s. Practising at home using TT Rockstars is a really fun and great way to help develop the rapid recall required. We will ensure everyone has a log-in for this.

### English

English this term will be closely linked to our topic of the Stone Age. We will be reading Stone Age boy by Satoshi Kitamura and writing our own adventure story.

We will also be enjoying some non-fiction as we learn about the journey of how pebble is formed in "Pebble in my Pocket"

Our English will focus on developing a high quality vocabulary and applying this in our writing alongside accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

We will be learning about different types of sentences and how we can use this for different purposes.

In reading we will focus on the key skills of retrieval and inference within our key texts.

### Science

In science this term, we will be learning about rocks and soils. Will we learn to recognise the different types of rocks around us as well as knowing their properties and how they were made. We'll investigate fossils and learn how they are formed as well as inspecting a range of soils and discovering the different components that make it up.

### Curriculum

In History, we will be learning about the Stone Age and how historians have learnt about this time from a range of sources. We'll learn about Skara Brae and how life changed from the Paleolithic to the neolithic times.

In PSHE we'll be learning about how to keep our bodies and minds healthy and in computing we'll learn about how networks allow us to work together more easily.

In RE we will be learning about Hinduism and their ideas about God.

Children will begin to learn some French, starting with greetings and numbers and in Art we will be inspired by Alexander Calder to produce our own stone age inspired cave line drawings.

Finally, in PE, we will be learning to play football and also exploring the outdoors in OAA.

### Key messages

PE Days- Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
Please come to school in outdoor PE kit including trainers. No jewellery to be worn, earrings to be removed at home if they are unable to do so independently

Reading at home- Please remember to read at home at least 4 times per week and log this on Boom Reader.

Class Dojo- Please sign up to class dojo to receive up to date messages and reminders

