

# RHINE CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 1 2023



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year in Rhine class. We hope you enjoyed a lovely summer break and that the children are refreshed and ready for an exciting term's learning. Rhine class have lots to look forward to this term including a Stone Age Experience Day.

## Summer Reading Pictures

Thank you for all the pictures you send of the children reading over the summer, we really enjoyed receiving these. There are a few gaps left on our display if you still haven't sent one in, we would love to see it.

## Topic

We start the year with our first history inspired topic, 'Wild'. During the term we will learning about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In English we will be reading a selection of books linked to this period in history. We have requested copies from the library for the children to use.



## Other areas of the curriculum that will be covered.

For more details visit the Curriculum section on our website.

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| <b>English</b>    | Writing our own historical quest story<br>Daily grammar and spelling<br>Developing comprehension skills   |
| <b>Maths</b>      | Y3: Numbers to 1,000 Addition and Subtraction methods<br>Y4: Numbers to 10, 000, Addition and Subtraction within 10, 000<br>Y5: Numbers to 1,000,000 Addition and Subtraction methods<br>Y6: Numbers to 10 Million, Four Operations |
| <b>Science</b>    | Electricity   |
| <b>History</b>    | How did Britain change between the beginning of the Stone Age and the end of the Iron Age?  |
| <b>Geography</b>  | Skills  |
| <b>Art and DT</b> | What is design and technology?  |
| <b>Music</b>      | Ukulele (Year 5 & 6) & Reggae   |
| <b>RE</b>         | Inspirational People  |
| <b>PSHE</b>       | Me and My Relationships   |
| <b>PE</b>         | Lacrosse & Hockey   |
| <b>Computing</b>  | Coding (Scratch)  |
| <b>MFL</b>        | Les Instruments (Musical Instruments)   |

## Home learning

**Children will receive regular home learning in Reading, Spelling and Maths.** They may also be given additional projects or tasks to support a class topic or other area of learning.

## Reading

Reading is an incredibly important skill that feeds into every aspect of your child's education, prospects of success and future life. It is therefore extremely valuable when children are supported and encouraged to read at home once a day. We understand that life can be busy, however we appreciate your support by reading daily with your child and recording on their bookmark.

## Spelling

We follow a spelling programme in school, and we ask that you support your child to learn the common exception words – which can be found on Spelling Frame. We test the children on these each term.

## **Maths**

Children in Year 6 will be given a SATs practice book. Children should complete one section only a week and return to school the following Monday. All children have a Times Tables Rockstars account which they can access at home and school to practise and maintain fluency.

## **Weather ready/PE**

Children should have a named coat in school at all times as we will go outside in most weathers. Gloves are a good idea for when it gets colder especially when holding a lacrosse stick. PE will be on a Monday and Friday and children can come into school in their PE kit on those days.

## **Pencil Cases**

We provide the children with all the equipment they need. However children in Year 5 & 6 are able to bring in a SMALL pencil case with a pencil, pen (this should be blue ink, no biro's are allowed), rubber, small ruler, pencil sharpener – NO SHARPIES or felt tip pens please. All stationery should be named.

## **Snacks and Water bottle**

It is very important that children are kept fuelled and hydrated throughout the day so your child will need a named water bottle in school every day.

We also recommend that have a healthy snack at break time to keep them going till lunchtime. Please ensure any reusable snack pots are named. No crisps, chocolate or other sugary snacks should be brought into school for morning break.

## **How you can support your child & contacting us:**

Your child's education is a partnership and we look forward to developing a close relationship with you.

We ask that you:

- Support your child in his/her learning through practice at home and promoting positive attitudes
- Encourage personal independence by making sure your child has the correct
- Support the school's policies, including home learning
- Make sure your child is in school and on time
- Make sure that you have given us the updated permissions and contact information

The best way to contact us is to use the class email: [rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk)

For urgent messages please call the school office on 01666 837602.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or queries. The beginning of the day is a very busy time, so if you do have a longer message or enquiry, please do so at the end of the day or make an appointment.

We look forward to a very exciting term together and wish to thank you for your support.

*Mrs Matthews, Mr Carter, Mrs Weston and Mrs Mackenzie*