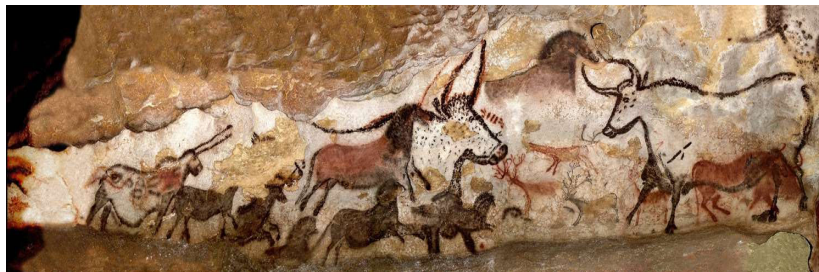


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3 and the start of a very exciting year of learning opportunities. The teacher will be **Mr Smee**. If you should have any brief queries please do mention them at the classroom door, otherwise for anything else please do send an email to info-BL@brindisheschools.org

Best wishes,
The Year 3 Team

Our main theme will be **Changes from Stone Age to Iron Age** with cross-curricular links in English, Science and Art.



In **English** we will develop our non-fiction skills by writing biographies about **Mary Anning**. To support our research on her we will be using the text **Stone Girl, Bone Girl**. We will also develop our descriptive writing skills with the help of the key text **The First Drawing**. The focus this term will be on securing use of punctuation and sentence structure.

Our **Maths** learning will focus on **Number and Place Value** to include working with 100s and 1000s before looking at **addition** and **subtraction**. A continuing focus for the year will be for the children to know their **times table facts**, starting with a review of 2x, 5x, and 10x before moving on to 4x, 8x, 3x and 6x.

In **Art**, the children will develop their drawing skills using **charcoal**. The children will be encouraged to make confident and expressive marks to show movement and character inspired by our focus artist this term; London based artist **Laura McKendry**. The children will also explore art history by learning about **cave art**.

Our theme in **Music** will be **Let your Spirit Fly**, a unit which focuses on mixed music genres, e.g. R&B, Classical and Western. This will be supported by weekly singing assemblies.

This term in **Religious Education**, the children will learn about **Buddhism** with a focus on The Buddha and his teachings.

This term our **Science** learning will be all about **Rocks and Soils**. The children will have opportunities to explore the different types of rocks we have in our school environment, handle a wide range of rocks to develop their identifying, classifying and grouping skills as well as learn all about how fossils are made!

In **PSHME** the children will learn about **Rights Respecting** to include respecting ourselves and others. We will also have a focus on healthy relationships and the importance of respecting boundaries.

In **MFL** the **Spanish** learning this term will focus on speaking and listening to develop conversational skills.

In **Computing**, the children will be finding out about **Computer Systems and Networks** where they will be able to make the most of our updated tech hub with new computers and laptops!

Outdoor PE
Monday: Netball
Indoor PE
Thursday: Fitness

Please send your child to school on these days wearing an outfit appropriate for PE. This could include leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie. Footwear should be trainers without a wedge or platform. Jewelry must not be worn and long hair should always be tied back.

Home Learning
Children will have weekly work set in their reading response books as well as regular tasks to complete on sumdog.

Spelling
Children will receive the week's spellings on **Monday**. Please practise these at home in preparation for a **test on Friday**.