

Welcome to Hove Junior School!



Welcome to year 3! We are Mr Hirsch (Portland Road) and Miss Smith (Holland Road), your new Year 3 Leaders.

We have lots of fun in Year 3. We have core texts that drive the learning behind each of our topics and we try to celebrate and promote a love of reading at all opportunities. Our first topic, *Portals Through the Ages*, is a look at the earliest periods in British history - the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. You can read more information about this topic on the following pages.

Later on in the year, our Spring Term topic is *Trash to Treasure*, where we learn about looking after our world. In our last term, we will learn about the Ancient Romans! Further information will follow about these fabulous topics later in the year.

We are so looking forward to a wonderful year together in Year Three. As always, we are here to answer questions and offer support when it is needed, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We can't wait to see all the amazing work your children produce and to marvel at what they achieve.

<u>Meet The Team</u>	
Portland Road	Holland Road
3 Green- Joe Hirsch (Year 3 Leader) 3 Yellow- Kate Flood 3 Red- Darlene Brenner 3 Blue- Louise Driver/Luciane Jury	3 Sapphire- Anna Smith (Year 3 and 4 Phase Leader) 3 Amber- Emily Lowen and Kirsten Campbell

Important Information

	September 2026						October 2026						November 2026						December 2026					
Monday		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		
Thursday	3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		
Friday	4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25			
Saturday	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26			
Sunday	6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27			

We ask that your child wears their PE kit to school on both the days of their class sessions.

Please remember that children need a pair of outdoor running shoes for outdoors PE.

Please make sure you have paid your child's suggested contribution to the School Fund by parent pay. This will cover workshops and activities carried out in school for the year.

Our Stunning Starts will be on:

25th September at Portland Road and
18th September at Holland Road.

These will involve workshops run by 'The Outdoors Project', who will help bring the period to life for the children.

There will be a communication about this with more information separately.

At the end of term, we are hoping to be able to take a trip to Brighton Museum to see the wonderful Archaeology Gallery, and take part in a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop. More details will follow.

Home Learning

Fortnightly home learning tasks

Children are set fortnightly home learning tasks which they will be expected to complete by the following Wednesday. These will comprise of a maths task, reading task, spelling task and sometimes an additional writing or topic-based task. These will be set on Google Classroom, which we will be introducing the children to in our first Computing lessons.

Reading

We will be setting reading tasks in the fortnightly homework. We encourage you to read with your child at least three times weekly, if not daily. They should be regularly taking home a banded book at the appropriate decodable level for them, as well as being able to choose a 'reading for pleasure' book from our class reading corner. Talking about children's books with them is also really valuable, so that you can check their understanding of what they have read.

Take Home Tasks

A sheet of suggested take home tasks is included. Children can choose an activity from these to complete alongside their home learning. During this term, please try to encourage your child to complete as many of the tasks as possible in an imaginative way. These tasks are designed to be family projects, where all members of the family can get involved with bringing our current topic to life at home!

We would suggest that you try to complete at least two of these tasks during this first half of the term. Don't feel restricted by our suggestions, though - we're delighted to see photographs of any home learning project you're inspired by!

Thank you so much for your continued help and support with your child's learning.

Year 3 - Autumn Term 2026



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Autumn Term for Year 3

The Autumn term is an exciting time to be in Year 3! The children are settling into their new school and we look forward to instilling a sense of independence in our Year 3 children as they continue through the year.

Our topic this term, **Journey Through the Ages**, will be jam-packed full of exciting learning opportunities. We will be going on an amazing journey by taking a portal back in time to the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Ages. We will read the book, "Stone Age Boy" to inspire our learning in English lessons.

Later in the term, we will continue to take portals to other eras and worlds, helping the children to imagine what it would be like to live in that time, place or role. The children will write their own 'portal' stories, showing off all they have learned, which we hope to share with adults from home at the end of the term.

English

Our English work will link closely with our topic via our key texts. In the first half of term, we will study "Stone Age Boy", by Satoshi Kitamura. Later on in the term, we will read "The Great Cave" by Terry Deary. Both texts will inspire a range of pieces of writing in different genres.

History

In history, we will be developing our understanding of chronology by finding out about the first people in Britain. We will learn the names of the three Stone Ages, the changes that occurred in the Bronze Age, and how people traded across tribes in the Iron Age.

Journey Through the Ages

Topic Overview



Computing

The children will be developing their understanding of how to use our online learning platform, Google Classroom, responsibly.

Art

In art, we will closely study some prehistoric art and will try out some cave paintings, as well as becoming more proficient with using drawing pencils and watercolour paints and developing our sketchbook work.

Science

Our science work this term involves an in-depth look at rocks, soils and fossils. We will find out about the different types of rock, their properties and how they are formed.

D.T.

We will be learning about the origins of different ingredients from around the UK. We will design a recipe for our own Celtic-style oatcakes, before making them (and taste-testing them, too, of course!).

Discrete subject	Focus
Maths	We will begin maths lessons for the year by looking at place value and mathematical explanations. We will then move to work on the four operations, ensuring that we are using written methods including number lines. Throughout the year, we will be using a hands-on approach to maths, using lots of equipment in every lesson and developing our reasoning skills.
P.E.	This term, our PE units of study are fundamentals, fitness, gymnastics and ball skills/ football. In ball skills, the children will explore a range of sports and balls like hockey, netball and cricket, developing their abilities to control the ball, work in teams and their understanding of rules and tactics. In fitness, the children will learn how to strengthen their bodies in different ways. Gymnastics will focus on body control and key shapes.
French	Our French lessons will be focusing on learning numbers to 10, being able to greet someone and find out about them.
R.E.	Our R.E. for the term will be focusing on the question, 'What do different people believe about God?' and then exploring what having faith means to different people.
Music	In Music we will be learning about the stylistic features of ballads, moving on to performing a ballad, writing our own lyrics to a ballad, and singing our compositions.



Take Home Tasks



RESEARCH

- Write a diary entry for a Stone Age person - what do they do on a typical day? This could also be presented as a comic strip.
- Can you create a drawing, model or sculpture of a fossil of an animal from the past?
- Design a 'Then and Now' poster, comparing life now with life in prehistory - what is different? What is the same?
- Create a set of 'Top Trump' cards, a quiz or a fact file on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

INFORM

- During our topic, we will read "Stone Age Boy", where a strange portal transports the characters to the Stone Age. Can you find a list of children's books that involve the characters travelling to other worlds? As a starter, why not use this name as a clue: C. S. Lewis.
- This term, we are learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. If you travelled through a portal to one of these time periods, how many years will you have travelled back in time? What clues might you find that tell you which age you have arrived at? Share this information in a way of your choosing, for example PowerPoint or poster.

CREATE

- Use junk modelling to make a Stone Age cave. Include cave paintings and a campfire.
- Alternatively, use Lego, plasticine or the building material of your choice to create a Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age scene.
- Using your art and D.T. skills, create a diorama of a scene showing life in prehistoric times.



These are only ideas - we would love to see what creative projects you are inspired by!