

Autumn 2026 Year 3 Bulletin

Welcome

We hope your child has had an enjoyable and positive start to Year 3. Moving from Year 2 into Key Stage 2 is a big step, with new routines, expectations and increased independence. We do our very best to make this transition as smooth and supportive as possible, and it is wonderful to see the children rising to these new challenges with a real sense of achievement.

If you have any questions or concerns at any point, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. They know your child best within the classroom and are therefore best placed to offer support, answer any questions and work with you to help your child have a happy and successful year.

English

In English, we will use our Stone Age topic to inspire setting descriptions, non-chronological reports and recounts, supported by texts such as *Stone Age Boy*. We will also explore *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes to develop character descriptions. Our poetry work will include ballads, performance poetry and kennings, alongside creating and describing our own imaginative dragons.

Maths

In Maths, we will develop our understanding of place value, before building confidence with addition and subtraction.

We will then explore multiplication and division, using a range of practical and written methods to develop fluency and problem-solving skills.

Reading

Our class texts for this half term will be *The Stone Age Boy* - a beautifully illustrated, informative text.

Next half term, we will be reading Ted Hughes' book *The Iron Man*.

Science

This half term we start with plants, their requirements and life cycle.

Next half term, the children will be investigating forces and having loads of fun using magnets!

Geography

Our Geography topic will be an in depth European study where we will compare countries within the continent along with identifying key natural features.

Art & DT

We start with DT looking at how they might have used levers in the creation of Stone Henge. In the lead up to Christmas in Art, we study Kandinsky, his style and inspiration. You will love looking through your child's sketchbook and seeing their finished works of art.

French

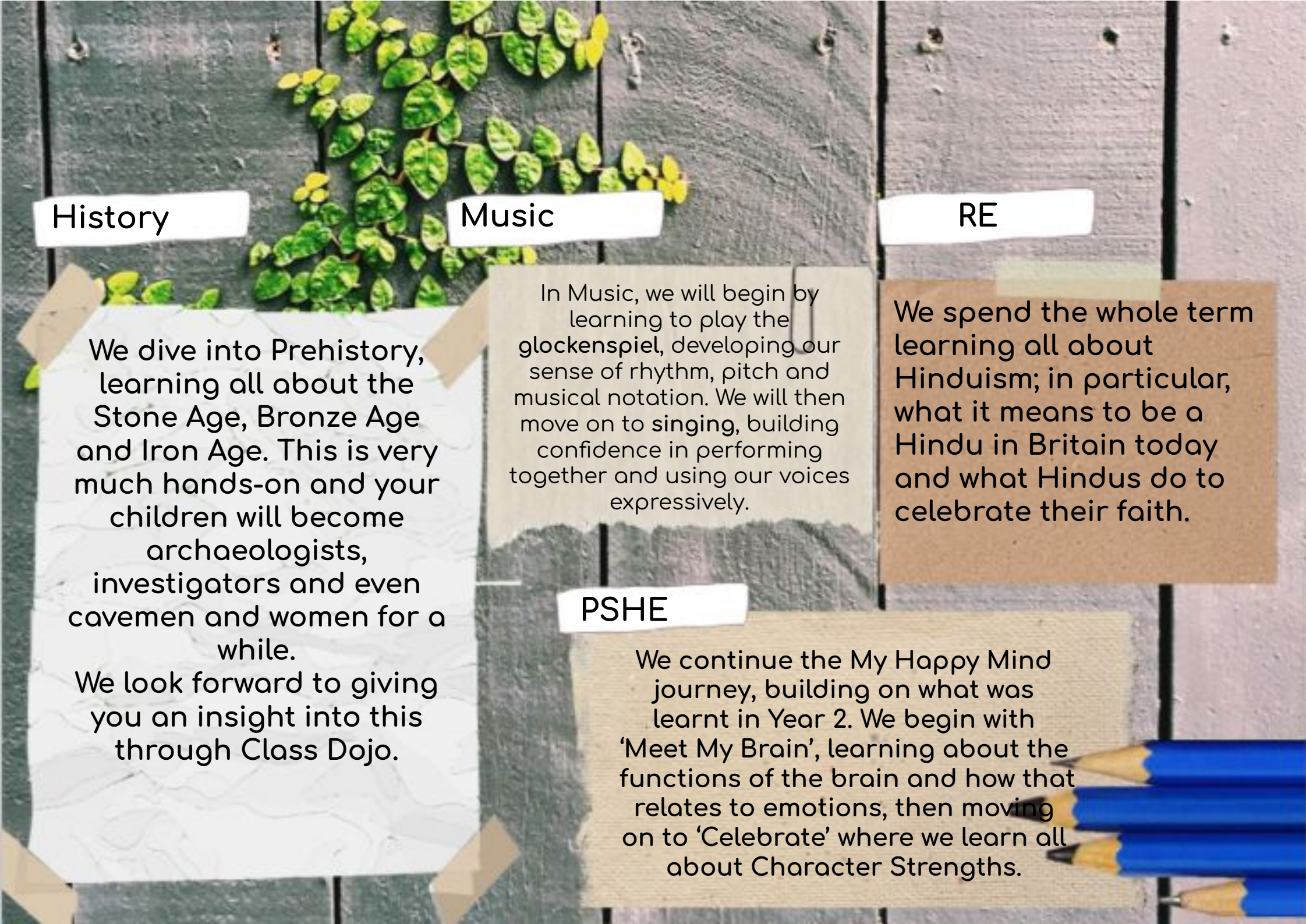
Be ready to have a conversation in French with your child all about different animals.

Computing

We start by looking at how computers work and how they connect to each other. Then we move on to programming.

PE

Our PE days will be Wednesdays (indoor) where we will look at gymnastic skills, starting without equipment and progressing through to more complex moves using apparatus. In dance, the children will be choreographing their own Bhangra sequences. For outdoor PE on Thursdays, the children will be learning the necessary skills for rounders and football.



History

We dive into Prehistory, learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. This is very much hands-on and your children will become archaeologists, investigators and even cavemen and women for a while.

We look forward to giving you an insight into this through Class Dojo.

Music

In Music, we will begin by learning to play the glockenspiel, developing our sense of rhythm, pitch and musical notation. We will then move on to singing, building confidence in performing together and using our voices expressively.

RE

We spend the whole term learning all about Hinduism; in particular, what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today and what Hindus do to celebrate their faith.

PSHE

We continue the My Happy Mind journey, building on what was learnt in Year 2. We begin with 'Meet My Brain', learning about the functions of the brain and how that relates to emotions, then moving on to 'Celebrate' where we learn all about Character Strengths.

Homework

Your child will be set 10 minutes to play on TT Rockstars each week to build their multiplication knowledge and fluency.

We also expect each child to read aloud to an adult at least 3 times each week- please keep a record of this on Pageticker.

Spelling homework will be set regularly and will include a variety of activities to help children practise and apply their weekly spelling patterns.

All homework will be set on a Monday and due the following Monday.

Reminders

- Please ensure that children's uniform is labelled.
- Children need to bring a water bottle each day.
- Communication and updates will be shared via Class Dojo.

Trips

There are currently no trips planned, but we are exploring possible opportunities to enhance the children's learning. We will keep you updated with any plans as they develop.

Key dates

- TT Rockstars Day - Friday 4th September - Dress up optional
- MC Grammar Visit - Tuesday 15th September - Dress up optional (you could wear the same costume as TT Rockstars Day)
- Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 13th October & Thursday 15th October
- Pantomime - Friday 13th November