



Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

# Ordsall Primary School



## What we are learning during the Autumn term in Year 3...

### English

This half term, we will be exploring some wonderful stories, including *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura and Terry Deary's *Stone Age Tales*. The children will create their own characters and write an exciting Stone Age adventure. We will focus on developing writing skills through description, suspense and characterisation. Later in the term, we will move on to non-fiction, studying texts and writing informative pieces about Skara Brae and the Amesbury Archer.

### Mathematics

This term, we will be developing our confidence with numbers through problem-solving and games. We will learn about place value up to 1,000, as well as explore both mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. To strengthen recall, we will also begin practising times tables, with a focus on the 2, 5, 10 and then 3 times table.

### Science

In Science, we will be investigating rocks and soils. The children will ask questions, make predictions and carry out experiments to classify rocks and identify their properties. We will also explore forces, including magnets and friction.

### History

Our History topic takes us back to the Stone Age. We will study the three stages within this period, developing our chronological understanding and exploring what life was like at that time. A Stone Age Workshop in school will provide a hands-on learning experience to enrich our learning. Later in the term, we will learn about the Bronze Age and Iron Age, comparing changes, similarities and differences across the periods. As historians, the children will use both primary and secondary sources to deepen their knowledge.

### Art

In Art, the children will develop their drawing and painting skills. These will be used to create Stone Age-inspired cave paintings.

### Design & Technology

The children will design, make and evaluate their own structures, exploring a range of materials and techniques.

### Computing

Our Computing work will focus on online safety and learning how to use technology responsibly and respectfully. The children will also be introduced to email, learning how to compose, send and receive messages safely.

### Religious Education

We will be learning about how and why Christians celebrate important festivals. This term, our focus will be on Harvest and Christmas.

### RESPECT

In our RESPECT lessons, we will be discussing families and friendships, learning how to keep safe and exploring ways to care for ourselves and others. The children will continue to build their understanding of the Zones of Regulation by recognising triggers, body signals and emotions as well as practising effective strategies to help them feel calm, happy and focused.

### Music

This year, the children will begin learning to play the ukulele. They will listen to a variety of musical styles, keep the beat, learn songs and start to create their own simple compositions.

### Physical Education

Our focus this term will be on fitness and Tag Rugby, with an emphasis on developing skills and teamwork. Later in the term, we will move on to Dance and Netball.

### French

In French, the children will begin by learning numbers to 10 and simple greetings. They will also practise asking and answering questions about their names and ages.