

Dear Parents,

Over the next 6 weeks those of us in Year 3 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on life on an island. The unit is called **Scavangers and Settlers.**

Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects.

During this unit we will be focusing on History, Art and International.

In History, we'll be finding out:

- How fossils are made and what we can learn from them
- What our earliest ancestors might have looked like
- How our ancestors were able to survive
- How to use archaeological evidence to find out about a prehistoric hunter
- Where our ancestors settled and how they lived
- How we can learn about the past by investigating a Stone Age village
- What life was like during the Bronze Age and Iron Ages

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How to create our own prehistoric cave paintings
- How to make and decorate pottery, based on one of the periods we have explored

In Technology we'll be finding out:

- About the types of foods that the first farmers would have grown
- How we can update the dishes that the early settlers may have eaten

In International, we'll be finding out:

• How we can work together to learn new skills and achieve our goals

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own, in pairs and in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child

the work they are doing as the term progresses and let them teach you. To help you with this, a **Knowledge Organiser** can be downloaded from the school website. www.wrotham-road.kent.sch.uk

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work for them. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.





By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom, and that you will have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 3 team