

# The Creative Curriculum

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

At Thornton we aim to provide an exciting and engaging curriculum which will inspire your children to have a passion for learning.

Our curriculum aims to give all your child the knowledge, skills and understanding to achieve their full potential academically, socially and emotionally. This takes place in the context of a safe and nurturing school environment where each individual child is known and each individual child's learning journey is unique to them.

We want your child to become a successful learner, confident individual and responsible citizen. We aim to give your children the necessary skills to prepare them for life in modern British society.

Tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions will be fostered by enabling your child to acquire an appreciation for and respect for their own and other cultures.

Our curriculum also puts a firm importance to the physical wellbeing of every pupil. We believe that from a young age, children learn cooperation through group activities and form a positive sense of identity as part of a team. We have an expert sports coach, who actively encourages participation in community sports events.

We have many lunch time and after school clubs for your child to enjoy these include Multi-sports; Cookery; Art and design, Music; Tag-rugby; French; Chinese; Computing and Science.

Please see the school web-site for full details and timetable.

If you are lucky enough to be able to access the internet at home there are a wide range of sites that children can go to for fun activities. Here are just a few recommendations from teachers to get you started:



[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) (Key Stage 1 and 2)

[nrich.maths.org](http://nrich.maths.org)

[www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk)

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

Pocket Phonics (i-pad app)

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) (reading and maths)

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory)

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Working together:  
A Curriculum guide for

# Year 3

**STONEAGE**  
BEGINS

**HEROES  
AND  
VILLAINS**

**Romans**

We realise that knowing in advance what your children will be studying during the year helps you to plan how to support your children. There is no better way for children to develop a love of learning than to do it alongside someone in their family who takes an interest in the work that they do at school. Set out in this leaflet are the key areas that your child will be studying up until the end of the school year.

You can help your child make great progress and be interested in their learning by helping them with homework projects and also visiting the library to find books or information about their topics. You can also research on the internet—a great activity to do together. In this leaflet you can read about all the Topics your child will study during this Year at Thornton - all the activities that we send home are designed to give you, or another family member, the opportunity to sit together for short periods of time and enjoy learning.

Together we can make a great team!

Remember throughout the year we will be posting pictures and news articles on the school's website, so please take a look at the exciting things we are doing.



[www.thornton.bham.sch.uk](http://www.thornton.bham.sch.uk)

## Year 3 Project Overview



'Roots to grow!  
Wings to fly!'

TERM	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
PROJECT TITLE	<b>TRIBAL TRAILS</b> (Stone/Iron age Geography of UK)	<b>HEROES AND VILLAINS</b> (SUPERHEROES) <b>PREDATOR!</b> (Dinosaurs)	<b>I AM WARRIOR</b> (Romans/Europe)	<b>SCRUMDIDDLY UMPTIOUS</b> (food Topic)	<b>CITY EXPLORER</b> <b>Modern Day Monarchy</b>	<b>Flow</b> <b>DEM BONES-DEM BONES</b>
MAIN FOCUS	History	Science	History	Design and Technology	Art and Design/Geography	Science/Geography
ENGLISH	Information books; Adventure Stories; Fact files; Letters	Recounts; leaflets; Poetry; Dilemma stories; Speeches	Historical narrative; Play Scripts; Instructions, Invitations and menus	Recounts; recipes and Instructions; Nonsense Poetry; Adverts	Leaflets; Free Verse Poetry; Email; Signs and Slogans	Non-Fiction texts, Narratives, instruction leaflets.
HISTORY	Prehistoric Britain from Stone age to Iron Age		The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain	Significant individuals-Cadburys	A Local History Study	
GEOGRAPHY	Using maps and aerial images	Maps to locate Countries and Continents	Comparing Britain and Italy; Locational knowledge	Food Miles and Fair Trade	Fieldwork	
ART/DESIGN	Neolithic Art; Iron age Jewellery	3D models; Collage	Shields and Helmets; Roman food; Roman design	Sculpture; Cooking and Nutrition	Graffiti Art; Observational Drawing	Sculpture; Collage work; Scientific Drawing
SCIENCE	Rocks	Food Chains; Fossils and Plants; Skeletal systems	Light and Dark; Sources and Reflectors; Sun Safety	Plants		The Human Skeletal System

### School Theme Days

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Black sporting Heroes and Heroines	Anti-Bullying day (12th-16th November) Road Safety Day 20th November	Internet Safety Day (4th-8th February)		Book week (4th-7th March)	Science Fair

### High Quality Texts

**Stone Age Boy**  
By Satoshi Kitamura

**Fly Eagle Fly**  
By Christopher Gregorowski

**Romulus and Remus**  
A Roman Myth

**Charlie and Chocolate Factory**  
Roald Dahl

**Mirror**  
Jeanie Baker

**The Rhythm of the Rain**  
Grahame Baker Smith