



Year 3 Newsletter

January 2017

Happy New Year!

A very Happy New Year to you from the whole Year 3 team. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays and had a chance to relax and spend time with friends and family.

This half term, our main focus is on the Stone Age. We will be learning about what life was like during the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras and the important changes that took place at this time.

We will also find out about Stone Age animals and how the discovery of Skara Brae helped archaeologists to learn more about our Stone Age ancestors. We will make links to our English work on Stig of the Dump and our science topic on rocks, fossils and soils.

The children are very enthusiastic about this topic and have already enjoyed drama activities in which they pretended to become a Stone Age tribe.

We will also be continuing to develop the children's artistic skills, using pastels and chalks to create cave art based on the paintings found in the Lascaux caves.

The children always enjoy having visitors to enhance their learning. If you are a Stone Age expert, a geologist, or could contribute to our curriculum in any other way, please let us know. In previous years a parent who was a fashion designer helped the children come up with Stone Age fashion!

We will be having an open day at the end of the Spring term and will look forward to welcoming you then to see what the children have been working on.

Best wishes,

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KIDZANIA VISIT

We will be visiting Kidzania on Thursday 26th January. Further details can be found on the attached information sheet. We are really looking forward to it! Please let us know if you would like to come along – we have 15 spaces for parents!

EMAILING

The children will be learning about email in their Computing lessons this half term. They will be emailing their classmates but we ask that they only use their emails for learning purposes and do not email anyone outside of the school for e-safety reasons. They should also not use their email addresses to sign up accounts for other websites. For your reassurance, use of the email accounts is monitored very carefully by the school.

This would be an ideal opportunity for you to discuss e-safety with them to follow up on the work we will be doing in class. Please contact the school if you would like any advice or information on email and e-safety.

PE DAYS

3H: Monday and Wednesday

3M: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

3T: Monday and Tuesday

3Z: Tuesday and Friday

3T and 3H will be having specialist sports provision from Premier Sports on Mondays – 3Z and 3M will have this opportunity next half term. This will be held outdoors so outdoor kit will be needed on Mondays.

On Friday 21st January and Friday 4th February, 3H and 3T will be using the field at Recreation Road for football. Warm PE clothes are essential – adding a hat and gloves even better!