

Welcome back Year 3!

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half-term break. The children have had a brilliant first half-term at Avenues and should be very proud of how well they have learnt new routines and engaged with their learning.

In our Explorers topic, we learnt all about the life of Edmund Hillary. The children created fantastic newspaper articles based on his summit of Mount Everest.

We were very excited to welcome a real-life explorer at Avenues too! Adrian Hall shared his experiences of mountaineering and expeditions around the world. The children enjoyed their own expedition (around the playground!) using their map skills.

We finished our Explorers topic with a DT project, where the children designed, built and evaluated their own explorer's shelter.

What a busy first term!



Key dates

Open evening for prospective parents -
Tuesday 15th November

Monday 14th – Tuesday 15th – Writing
Cafes

Parents Evening – Monday 21st and
Thursday 24th November (letter to follow)

Travelling Book Fair – 28th November

Winter Market – 1st December

Term finishes – Friday 16th December

Back to school – Thursday 4th January

What's coming up

Our next topic is The Stone Age.

The children have already had an interesting start to this topic, investigating coprolite – fossilised poo – to understand both the diet of Stone Age people and the potential climate. (Don't worry, it wasn't real!)

During this topic, we will also be learning about cave paintings around the world and creating our own. In addition to this, we will be studying Stone Age settlements, specifically Skara Brae, discovering why humans chose this location to settle.

Reading at Home

Whilst we do not set any formal homework at Avenue Junior School, we do ask that you spend 10 minutes each day reading with your child. The benefits of this are wide ranging.

Children have all been given a reading record. We hope that you will support us in filling these in regularly to keep a record of what your child has been reading.

Uniform

Please make sure uniform is labelled. We had mountains of unnamed jumpers left after last half-term! For PE, children are expected to wear a white t-shirt or polo-shirt, black bottoms (shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms) and trainers. School jumpers or appropriate hoodie can be worn for PE outside.

Curriculum Map

A curriculum map will be sent out via email and Class Dojo and is also available on the school website. The curriculum map provides you with a brief overview of our learning for this half term.