

# Welcome back Year 3!

## Welcome back

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a brilliant Christmas break and are feeling ready for our new term.

Before Christmas we enjoyed learning all about the Stone Age. Highlights included creating our own Stone Age paintbrushes and paints and creating cave art. We learned all about the Neolithic settlement Skara Brae and about the change from hunter gatherers to farmers.

Well done to Year 3 for a brilliant carol service at St Thomas' Church. We had a fantastic turn out and the children sang beautifully! We also had great fun at our Christmas parties.

Well done Year 3 for a great first term!

## What's coming up

Our next topic is all about Sustainability. We have two exciting texts to share with the children which much of our learning will be based on. Both 'One Plastic Bag' by Miranda Paul and 'Galimoto' by Karen Lynn Williams explore themes of recycling and repurposing, the perfect inspiration for creating a non-chronological report (fact-file) about Malawi.

In Maths, our focus moves from column addition and subtraction to exploring the link between multiplication and division before moving on to length and perimeter. Any additional practice of times tables at home will be extremely beneficial for the children.



## PE days

3BT – Tuesday and Thursday

3B – Monday and Wednesday

3G – Tuesday and Wednesday

3H – Double session on Friday

Please can children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days: 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.

## Uniform

Please make sure uniform, coats, hats, scarves and water bottles are all labelled.

## Allergies

A reminder that we are a nut and kiwi free school.

## 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 books your child reads do not need to be challenging books – they need to be books that your child enjoys reading. If your child enjoys picture books, let them read picture books. If they like graphic novels, let them read graphic novels.

As your child reads, make sure to discuss any unusual vocabulary with them. You should also ask them to predict what might happen next, ask lots of 'why' and 'how do you know' questions and ask them to summarise what they have read when they have finished.