



Year 3 Newsletter

November 2018

Rockin' and Rollin': The Stone Age

Welcome back! We hope you had a very enjoyable half-term break and that everyone is rested and ready to learn! We have some very exciting topics coming up over the next few weeks.

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 and we were very grateful to everyone who gave up their time to come in and talk to us during our Explorers topic. If you are a Stone Age expert, a geologist, or could contribute to our curriculum in any other way, please let us know.

Our Maths lessons will be focusing mainly on the skills of division and multiplication, so this is an ideal time to introduce times tables practice if you haven't already. A great website is "Hit The Button" <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> and there are lots of fun apps available for tablets as well.

The children will also be taking their first steps into computer programming, using online coding resources to help them start to understand algorithms and programming.

Regular updates on school life and activities can be found on our Class Dojo pages or online at:

www.avenuejuniorschool.org

and if you need to contact us by email, please use:

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 9th November: Trip to Gressenhall

Monday 12th November: Photo Day

Monday 12th/Thursday 15th November:
Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to meeting you all to discuss your children's progress at school so far. 3C, 3P and 3T's appointments will take place in rooms in the upper school area as the After School Club will be using the small hall. Please look for signage when you arrive at the main office. Their school books will be available outside the room for you to read either before or after your appointment. We are sure you will enjoy seeing what they have achieved already this year!

Friday 16th November: Children in Need Day

W/B Monday 26th November: Book Fair

Mon 10th December: Christmas Concert at St Thomas Church 7.00

Thursday 12th December: Year 3 Christmas Party at 1pm – bring in a party outfit to change into!

Friday 14th December: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17th December: Christmas Fayre 6-7.30

Come and buy unique and special Christmas presents! Lots of local artists and sellers will be here as well as children's craft to purchase.

Tuesday 18th December: Last day of term – children can bring in toys or board games.

PE DAYS

3C: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

3M: Mondays and Tuesdays

3T: Mondays and Tuesdays

3P: Tuesdays and Thursdays

We are playing hockey, Tag Rugby, and doing gymnastics and dance this half-term. Lessons may take place indoors or outdoors depending on the weather, so please provide your child with appropriate PE kit (white T-shirt, plain tracksuit top if wished, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, trainers). Please ensure long hair is tied up on PE days or that your child has a hairband with them.