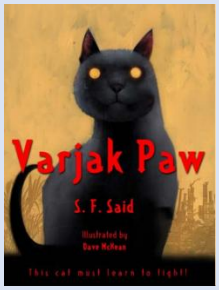
Autumn 2 – Year 3!

Welcome back! 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 English, we spent lots of time looking at the book Varjak Paw by S.F. Said. We used his adventures and exploration to write a diary entry and a brilliant setting description which we shared with Year 2 over at Rec Road.

We were very excited to welcome a real-life explorer, Adrian Hall, who joined us to share his experience of mountaineering and expeditions around the world. The children enjoyed their own expedition (around the playground) using their newly learnt map skills.

In Science, we looked at light and learned about how the eye works. We performed experiments around shadows and learned about reflectivity.



What a busy first term!

What's coming up

Our next topic is 'The Stone Age' where we will be answering the question "how did Stone Age people turn survival into creativity?"

The children have had an interesting start to this topic, investigating coprolite ('fossilised' poo) to understand the diet of Stone Age people and the potential climate of the area.

During this topic, we will be learning about cave paintings around the world from this period and creating our own. In addition to this, we will be studying Stone Age settlements, specifically Skara Brae,

Key dates

Monday 3rd November – Flu vaccinations.

Monday 6th November – School photos.

Tuesday 11th November – Open evening for prospective parents.

Monday 9th December (6pm-7pm) – Christmas Carol service at St. Thomas's Church.

Friday 19th December - Term finishes for the Christmas holidays.

Wednesday 7th January – Pupils are back to school to start the Spring term!

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.

Please see your child's reading record for sentence starters that could be used to support their thinking when reading and how to fill out their reading record.

Uniform:
Please make sure uniform is labelled with your child's name and class. If it is not labelled, it makes it very difficult to locate if it has been misplaced! For P.E., children must wear a white t-shirt or polo-shirt, black bottoms (shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms) and trainers. School jumpers or a plain black/blue hoodie can be worn for P.E. when it is colder.

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.