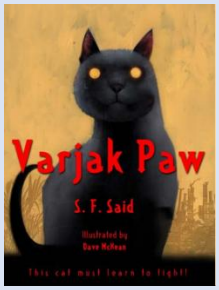
Autumn 2 – Year 3!

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 half 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?"

One of our first lessons on this period of history, investigates 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

Thursday 5th November – school photos.

Tuesday 10th November – Open evening for prospective parents.

Wednesday 11th November – Flu vaccinations.

w/c 23rd November – Maths week!

Tuesday 8th December (6pm-7pm) – Christmas Carol Service at St. Thomas's Church.

Friday 18th December – term finishes for the Christmas holidays.

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 in an email and on ClassDojo and is also available on the school website. The curriculum map provides you with a brief overview of our learning for this half term.