

Friday 10th October 2014

Year 3 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a busy few weeks getting stuck into our exciting topics. Here's a quick look:

Maths - We have been working on addition and subtraction, in particular using different mental strategies to calculate with accuracy and speed. Also we have been working towards our times tables targets. It is clear that lots of work is being done at home too because the children are improving.

Literacy - We have worked hard on letter writing and the children have asked some fascinating questions. In addition we have done some further work on our Performance Poetry and developed our use of expression and actions. We will next be making Stone Age tools in D&T that we will then write instructions to go alongside.

Science - This week we have tested the hardness and permeability of various rocks. The children had already learnt so many fascinating facts about volcanoes that these lessons were brilliant. We demonstrated how powerful a volcano would be using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar in bottles. It was very messy but fantastic fun!



Topic - The children have used Art, ICT and D&T to explore different aspects of the Stone Age. We have researched Skara Brae and considered what a stone bed would have felt like, how tasty hyenas would have been and we have started to design our Stone Age tools. At the Parents Evening you will be able to see our fabulous cave paintings on display.

Homework - Thank you so much for all your continued support with homework. The quality is excellent and we can see what a lot of effort has gone into it.

Poetry Competition - The children are entering a poetry competition run by Young Writers entitled, 'Out of this World'. More information can be found on the young writer's website. The children chose whether to enter their Autumn acrostics or rhyming performance poetry, 'Where teachers keep their pets'. Some examples of the poems are displayed on the website.

Parents Evening - Next Monday and Tuesday afternoon we shall get to speak with you about how your children are settling into Year 3. If you haven't managed to put your name down just let us know.

Local Area Walk - On 22nd October we shall go for our local walk to look at natural and man-made stone in our local area. If you would like to help on the walk please let us know.

<u>Diary Dates</u>	
13 th /14 th Oct	Parent's evening
22 nd Oct	Local area walk
23 rd Oct	Harvest assembly
27 th -31 st Oct	Half term holiday
14 th Nov	Takeover day
28 th Nov	Mufti day
1 st Dec	Science museum
4 th Dec	Christmas pantomime
5 th Dec	Christmas fair
8 th Dec	Stone Age workshop
16 th Dec	KS2 Xmas party
17 th Dec	School Xmas lunch
18 th Dec	Church service



We look forward to seeing you at Parents Evenings next week.

With best wishes

Miss Hallam & Miss Coward