

Year 3 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to school after a lovely Summer. I hope that you all had a wonderful time. We are looking forward to working with your children and seeing them progress, have fun and enjoy their learning.

English

This half term we will be looking at texts related to our topic about The Stone Age. We will be reading 'Stig of the Dump', 'Stone Age Boy' and 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. We will be focusing on ensuring that what the children write makes sense and getting them to read back what they have written to make any changes needed. We will also be looking at making our sentences more interesting by using a variety of conjunctions, adverbs and adjectives with accurate punctuation.



Maths

In maths, we will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. We are also really focusing on learning our 2,5 and 10 times tables so that the children know them off by heart. Please could you help them as much as you can with this at home.



Topic

In topic we will be exploring the question 'Who had the best lifestyle, those living in the Stone Age or the Iron Age?' The children will be looking at where the Stone Age occurred within History and investigating what they ate. They will be investigating the types of houses that they lived in and how they changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Science

Linking with the topic of the 'Stone Age', we will be investigating different types of rocks and soils. The children will learn about the different rocks and their uses. They will be able to plan and carry out investigations and write up what they have found out.

PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. Children need to make sure that they are not wearing any jewellery or ear rings as they will need to be removed before each lesson.

Spellings

Children will receive their spellings each Friday and will be tested the following Friday. Children who get 8, 9 or 10 spellings will receive a full merit. The spellings are taken from the Year 3 and 4 Common exception words and are what the children need to be able to spell by the end of the year.

Equipment and Pencil Cases

The school provides equipment for the children to use. We understand that children like to bring their own things in but we ask that these be kept at home as the children become distracted by them and also upset if things are lost. Due to the space that we have in class, please could your child only bring their book bag (which can go into their trays), lunchbox if needed, a bottle of water and a fruit snack for playtime.



Attendance

We will be continuing to improve on the attendance and hope that your children come to school every day as this helps with their learning. Please also try and make sure that they arrive on time at 8:50 am and are picked up at the end of the school day at 3:10 pm.



Home and School Relationship

Please support your child and listen to them read at home at least 3 times a week. There is a reading snake in the back of their reading record, where your child will receive a special prize if they complete the snake by the end of half term. As well as learning times tables, spellings and reading at home, there will be a creative homework sheet each half term, centred around our topic. We hope that the children will enjoy picking and choosing which activities they would like to do and bring their creations in to share with the rest of the class. We are thankful for all the support you give us in school. Please continue to come and see one of the team with any worries or concerns at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to a happy and successful year!

If you have any questions or queries please to speak to a member of staff or email lgibson@intakefarm.notts.sch.uk

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