



Year 3 Autumn 2 Newsletter



Coming up in Autumn 2

Theme Title: Missing Dragons!



Do you need to see something to believe it?

After we finish our Stone Age theme, Year 3 will be exploring the world of dragons! We will discuss whether you need to see something to believe it and take part in a dragon hunt! We will also sculpt magnificent dragons' eyes from clay.



In the build up to Christmas, the final few weeks of term will be spent focusing on angels as part of our RE learning. We are looking forward to an action-packed, fun half term!

**Thank you for your continued support
Year 3 Team**

Our English learning will focus on poetry and descriptive writing- linked to our dragon theme! We will build on our learning of expanded noun phrases and similes. The children will then apply their writing skills to create dragon poems and a detailed description of a dragon - which they will design - in the form of a missing poster. This will be used to create a dragon hunt around the school. Can the children match a missing dragon picture to the description?

Our Mathematics learning will continue to develop mental addition and subtraction strategies using different number lines. Later on in the half term, we will secure their understanding of multiplication and division by solving worded problems using arrays and repeated addition and subtraction.

Our Personal and Development Learning (SCARF) unit is:



Keeping Myself Safe

The Key learning points are:

- how to stay safe
- keeping your personal information safe
- dangers and risks
- online safety
- legal/illegal substances (including medicines and alcohol)

We will also discuss the issues covered by Anti-bullying Week

How you can support your child's learning at home



Supporting your child to complete their Home Learning each week is one of the best ways that you can help from home. Our new Home Learning books will soon be coming home, and each week's Home Learning will be to help your child remember key number facts and spelling rules.

We also can't stress the importance of developing a love of reading by reading each day. Reading aloud to an adult is particularly beneficial - and provides an excellent opportunity to discuss the text and further their understanding. Please check that they pause according to the punctuation (i.e. for commas and end stops) to aid their understanding of the text, and discuss any interesting or unfamiliar words.

You could help your child with maths by encouraging them to practise multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables as a priority, then the 3 and 4 times tables. Also, practise recalling the addition and subtraction number pairs for numbers to 20 (e.g. $15 - 7 = 8$, $9 + 4 = 13$).

If your child is particularly interested in something, it could provide an opportunity for writing. For example writing a diary based on an exciting weekend away or writing instructions, if they are keen on baking or cooking, can provide real life opportunities for writing.

Dates for your Year 3 diary

Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Christmas Performance

Also, a big thank you for the great level of support for our Cave Art parents' drop in. Your support was greatly appreciated by all!

Year 3 Messages

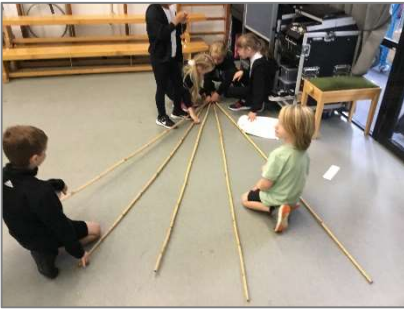
Just to remind you, our indoor PE day is Wednesday and we are still having yoga this half term. For this session, children may wear shorts under their tracksuit bottoms.

Find out about the wonderful learning we did in Autumn 1 on the next page...

Our Learning in Autumn 1

Tepees and fire making

We started the year off by travelling back in time to the Stone Age where the children deepened their understanding of how to survive in the wild by building a shelter (tepee) and learning how to make a real fire in our school woods! This learning really hooked everyone in to our learning! As a result, the children wrote really successful instructions linked to our survival theme. Bear Grylls would be proud!



Butser Ancient Farm school trip

We also were fortunate enough to visit Butser Ancient Farm to support us with our history theme. We got to enter a real Neolithic and Iron Age house and participate in hands-on prehistoric activities such as copper jewellery making, fence making and chalk carving. The children also really enjoyed handling authentic artefacts!



Stone Age Cave Art drop in session

The children have enjoyed learning all about the Stone Age, including learning about how the very first piece of art was ever created - or so historians believe! They became Stone Age artists and produced their own wonderful Stone Age art creations. They explored how to create a background wash using watercolours and experimented with charcoal to recreate how a Stone Age person may have made theirs. The children then became teachers for the afternoon and showed their parents how to create their very own cave painting too. We had the most fun telling our adults what to do!

