Term 2 News from Year 3!



LEARNING ROCKS!

Welcome to another busy term! Our theme for Term 2 is 'Learning Rocks' with a focus in history on **The Stone Age to the Iron Age**. We will learn about what we know about early man from evidence such as artefacts. We will think about how their lives compare to ours in terms of homes and food, for example. This will continue as we jump forward in history to the Iron Age. In Science, this theme of rocks continues as we learn about **Rocks and Soils**. We will be looking at different rock types, how they are formed and using careful, close observations to classify and group rocks. In addition, we will also learn in simple terms how fossils are formed, and recognise that soils are formed from rocks and organic matter. Everyone will learn a lot this term!

English

Much of our work in English will link with our topic about the Stone Age. Using a text linked to this part of history we will develop genres such as non-chronological information texts and descriptive writing. Writing in role as one of the characters we will work on letter writing and diary entries. Later in the term, we will be developing out narrative (story) writing in a link with a second book.



Maths learning

In Maths this term we will have a strong focus on Multiplication and Division. This is the first time we will visit this area this year and will focus on the concepts of multiplication, equal groups and arrays. After Christmas, this will shift to a focus on written methods for multiplication and division calculations. As you will understand, to understand the basics is essential to be able to work with larger numbers. Therefore, we will be doing lots of learning this term about the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10x tables. Please encourage your children to make good use of Times Tables Rockstars at home to support this learning.

Winter is coming!

As we approach the colder (and no doubt wetter!) winter season please bear in mind that PE lessons will still be taking place outside. A plain, dark-coloured tracksuit to wear for PE would be wonderful. Thank you!

In Brief...

Our learning in RE will focus on Christianity. We will consider whether Christmas has lost its true meaning.

Our Jigsaw (PSHE) sessions will focus on 'Celebrating Difference'.

For computing we will be learning about spreadsheets and how they can help us to work with numbers (often making our lives much easier!)

In PE lessons, we will be working on Gymnastics and Tag Rugby.

PE this term will be on Thursday and Friday.

Thank you for making sure the correct kit is in school with suitable footwear and no earrings please.