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Year 3

Newsletter

### What we have been up to:

#### In Year 3 we have been.....

experimenting with natural and man-made materials for printing.



Watching a String Quartet come and perform for Year 3 and Year 4.



### Core Curriculum:

#### English

To begin with this term children will be using the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' to learn about the features of instruction writing. We will be using this to write our own set of instructions. Later in the term we will move onto the book 'Sam Wu is Not Afraid of the Dark' and using this to write an informal letter.

#### Maths

In Maths this half term, the pupils will be working through Number and Place Value. They will use a variety of different representations and methods to secure their understanding of number. After this, they will move onto addition and subtraction. Pupils should continue to practice 'Times Tables Rock Stars' at home regularly to help them with their times tables.

#### Science

This half term we will be comparing and grouping rocks based on their appearance and physical properties. We will be studying fossils and learn how they are formed. Then, we will be investigating different types of soils and the components found in them.

#### History/Geography

We will be considering the question: 'What was so different about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age?'

We will be examining artefacts, learning about the ways in which housing, travel, food and tools changed whilst also learning about Stonehenge and Skara Brae.

### Other areas of the Curriculum:

#### Computing

In Computing this half term we will be starting with e-safety and learning about how to keep ourselves safe online. We will also be checking we know how to log on to 'Times Tables Rock Stars' and 'Numbots'.

#### Art/DT

This half term we are doing printing. We will be creating our own printing blocks, creating repeating patterns and looking at the effects of layering.

#### PE

Pupils will be developing their skills in gymnastics and invasion games. They will develop sequences in gymnastics and learn how to outwit opponents in invasion games.

#### Personal Development

Our unit in Personal Development this term is 'Being Me In My World.' We will be thinking about a nightmare school and what makes a good school, rewards and consequences and what makes a good learner.

#### Performing Arts

In Year 3, pupils study Performing Arts on a rotation. Pupils will have two terms of music, a half term of drama and a half term of dance.

#### French

Pupils have been learning how to understand and respond to spoken language with fluency. They have also started to appreciate songs and stories in French lessons.

### Reminders/Key dates:

#### Autumn term

6 September - 17 December

#### Training day

22 October

#### Half term

25 October - 29 October

#### Bike to school week

(week commencement)

27 September

#### Virtual London Marathon.

#### Support the PTA team!

3 October

#### Parents' evening

19 October & 21 October

*Please ensure your child is doing 5 minutes of both 'Times Tables Rock Stars' and 'Numbots' every day.*

#### Spelling tests are on Thursdays.

Reading to a parent throughout the week.

### The Year 3 team are:

Mr Smith  
(3 Sharks)

Mrs Eastwood and Mr King  
(3 Turtles)

Mr Tuffrey  
(3 Orcas)