



Year 3 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term. Please find below an overview of what we will be studying this half-term and some reminders.

English

As we studied climate and weather in Geography last term, we are starting the term by looking at a moving story which links to climate change. It is called 'The Journey Home,' and in it different endangered species join a growing family of animals seeking a new home, starting with a polar bear escaping the effects of climate change in the arctic circle. The unit will consolidate the children's understanding of climate and develop their narrative writing as at the end of the unit they will create their own journey stories with endangered animals of their choice.

Maths

This term we will continue to learn about addition and subtraction. In Year 3 the children learn to add and subtract 3-digit numbers, starting with no exchange and moving onto exchanging the ones and tens. We will learn different mental strategies and also learn the formal written method for addition and subtraction.

Science

This term, we will be studying the light through the enquiry question, 'Can you see me?' The key ideas in this module are that there needs to be light for us to see, that some things give out light and others reflect it, and that there are factors which affect the size and shape of shadows. The children will learn about how we see objects, the ways in which different objects reflect different amounts of light and how these ideas can be applied to staying safe at night.

History

Our history topic this term is the Stone Age. The children will explore how life changed for people during different periods of the Stone Age, including the Early, Middle and New Stone Ages. They will cover why the period was called the Stone Age, and what archaeological evidence there is from the period, particularly in the form of artefacts and monuments. The main focus will be on the New Stone Age and how that contrasts with the earlier periods. The children will look in detail at the Neolithic settlement at Skara Brae and the conclusions we can reach from the evidence found at the site.

Reminders

PE will be Tuesday (Football) and Friday (Tennis) afternoons, please ensure that the children have their PE kits on these days. We would really like the children to read at home every day (either independently or to an adult). We will be monitoring reading diaries and rewarding the children who read 5 times. Please ensure that the children bring their reading books and reading diaries to school every day so that we can monitor their reading and the adults at school can read with them.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to send me a message on Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

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