

Year 3: Term 2 - November 2023

We would like to congratulate all of the children for settling into Year 3 so well. They have settled into the Crown Building well and have worked hard in our first term.

This term in English, the children will continue learning about Book Reviews. They will write their own about the text 'Stone Age Boy' using the features we have learnt. We will then move onto learning about Myths and Legends. We will be reading a variety of these, identifying the features and then the children will write their own based on the short video clip 'The Dragon Slayer'. If you have any of this genre of texts at home or find them in the library, it would be great for the children to share them with you. To end the term, we will enjoy sharing Christmas poetry. Thank you for your continued support in helping your children to learn their spellings. We will continue to monitor their spelling progress over the course of the year, so please continue this at home, as well as hearing them read regularly (at least 5 times a week please and this will result in them getting their reading raffle ticket).

In Maths, we will be continuing our work on addition and subtraction. We will be developing our mental maths skills and learning the formal column methods. We will also practise solving problems using addition and subtraction, as well as using the inverse to check calculations. Please remember to help your child with practising their multiplication facts for their weekly tests. We have noticed that many children also have gaps in their knowledge of addition and subtraction facts within 10 / 20. Children need to be able to recall these facts quickly and accurately without the need to count on and back using their fingers. This is so useful as children can apply this knowledge to calculating with bigger numbers. They also need to be efficient at adding and subtracting one digit numbers when using the formal column methods. Any time you could give to this at home would be really valuable - thank you. This could be giving your children quick fire oral questions and / or using computer based activities like daily 10 and hit the button on topmarks.co.uk. Also, to help with times tables knowledge remember to log onto Times Tables Rock stars.

This term in Science, we will be becoming 'Geologists' during our 'Rocks, Soils and Fossils' topic. The children will have the chance to learn about different rock formations, fossils and how soils form, as well as learn the story of 'Roger Rock and Simon Soil'!

We will also be continuing with our work on Prehistory, learning about the Bronze Age and Iron Age. We are very excited to have a school trip to Stanwick Lakes, focusing on Pre-history, this term. This will be a fantastic finish to this history unit of work.

We are also delighted to be performing a Christmas Concert this year. The children will be working very hard to get this ready for the performances in December. Further information about this will be sent out nearer to the time.

In Art, we will be exploring Prehistoric Art to tie in with our history work. The children will be able to apply the shading skills they practised in term 1. Later in the term, in DT, we will be constructing castles. This will tie in well with the myths and legends work in English.

The children have loved their first French lessons and they will be learning some more vocabulary this term as we cover the topic 'Adjectives of Colour, Size and Shape'.

We look forward to another busy, but fun term learning together.

Many thanks,

The Year 3 Team