



Kingfishers'

Ask Me About Newsletter



Autumn 2 2024

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We have made it to the end of the Autumn term and what a term it has been!

The first day back, we went on our trip to Butser farm! This was an excellent trip and helped to immerse us into the topic. On this trip we did an archaeological excavation, jewellery making, fire starting and a Stone Age to Iron Age tour.

Here are some photos from the day:



What have we been up to this half term?

English

Our checklist of year 3 skills has grown a lot this half term and we have produced some excellent writing. We started Autumn 2 by looking at *Poems Aloud* by Joseph Coelho, to which we practised reading some of his wonderful poems aloud to the class. By the end of the week, we had practised the skill of similes and had created a poem about bonfire night. Then we did 'How to Wash A Woolly Mammoth', a personal favourite, and we wrote our own set of instructions. Next, we moved onto a two-week look at *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield, for this book we practised the skills of fronted adverbials and subordinating conjunctions at the beginning of sentences. Finally, we have finished this term's unit of writing with a non-chronological report, all about the Stone Age to Iron Age.

Maths

In maths this half term, we have completed our addition and subtraction unit and are halfway through our first multiplication and division unit for the year. In addition and subtraction, we spent a very long time looking at the column method, this included a lot of practising and applying to different problems. We are getting there with this method! In multiplication and division, we started by looking at arrays and the differences between sharing and grouping, but ultimately we are learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science

In science this half term, we have been looking at nutrition. We have identified the 5 main food groups (carbohydrates, protein, fruit and vegetables, dairy, and fats and sugars) and looked at how they impact our body. Towards the end of half term we looked into what makes a balanced diet and the different diets (vegetarian, vegan etc) that people can have.

History

In history we identified how the Stone Age is split up into Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic and how life progressed within each period. This included looking at Skara Brae in Scotland. We began to look at the transition into the Bronze Age and what made that transition. We then moved on to the Iron Age where we looked at hill forts. We have finished this year by answering the question 'What are the similarities and differences between the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Ages?' for this we created our own version of *A Street Through Time* and showed off how much we have learnt about this period of history.

What are we up to next half term?

Our Topic will be changing to the Ancient Egyptians!

English

In English we will be looking at the following texts: *The Egyptian Cinderella*, *Ra – Creation story*, *The Way Home for Wolf*, *Superworm* and instructions for mummification.

- Possessive apostrophe
- Inverted commas at the start and end of speech
- Reporting clause at the end of speech
- Use a comma, an exclamation mark or a question mark before the closing inverted commas when the reporting clause is at the end of the speech.
- Use fronted adverbials (place) as sentence openers
- Organise similar ideas into paragraphs in non-fiction writing.
- Use a subheading to guide the reader.
- Change the place of the adverb in the sentence.
- Use short sentences to make key points.

Maths

In maths, we will finish our 3s, 4s, and 8s times tables, before looking at more written methods for multiplying and dividing 2 digit by 1 digit. Therefore, please keep on top of times tables and TTRS!

Science

In science, we will start our unit on rocks and begin to look into fossils, what they are and how they are formed. After that, we are going to enquire into soils, including an investigation!

Other News

Year 3 will be starting swimming after half term, there has been letter sent out about swimming.

Kind regards,
Miss Johanson

Ongoing Learning	
Reading	Please read 5 times a week and write this in your Reading Diary.
Maths	We will be continuing the Mighty Multiples Challenges this year. Times Table Rock Star logins have gone out, please let Miss Johanson know if you require another username and password slip.
English	Weekly spellings

Topic	Please see the new topic homework grid on the website. The children will receive HVPs for their efforts, so please encourage them to have a go at this.
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