

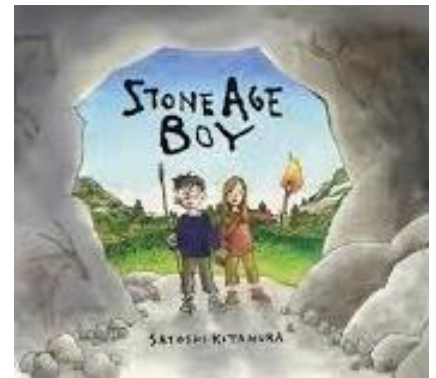
Year 3 Autumn Term 2023 Newsletter

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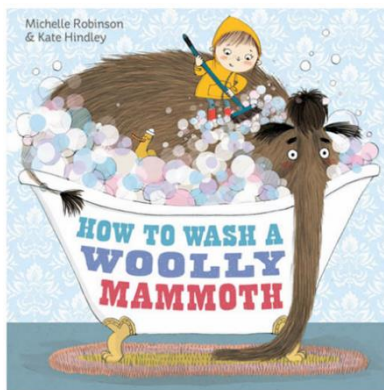
We have covered so much since the start of term of the autumn term. It has been very busy in Lower Key Stage 2 and we're not sure how we've managed to fit so many activities in! Here is a snapshot of what we have been doing in Year 3 for you to enjoy!

At the start of the term we researched our class person (Charles Darwin 3HB, Mae Jemison 3GT and Marie-Curie 3RR) and made a display about them.

After finding out about our class people, the children used a text about a little boy who travelled back in time called "Stone Age Boy."



They wrote letters and diary entries and imagined what it would be like to travel back in time themselves. They also explored



how to write instructions using a lovely book called "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth." They based their ideas on this and wrote instructions for How to Wash a Sabretooth Tiger, Woolly Rhino or another prehistoric animal. They worked hard to include lots of success criteria to develop their writing, for example using interesting adjectives and including lots of details.

In Numeracy, we have been practising our mental arithmetic skills and have been working very hard to learn our times tables. We really enjoy using Times Tables Rock Stars to improve the speed of our recall of times tables facts. This is helping us to get our Bronze, Silver and Gold times tables awards and will continue to be a major focus for all of the children in Year 3. We have all done a lot of work about place value, mental strategies and partitioning and recombining numbers.

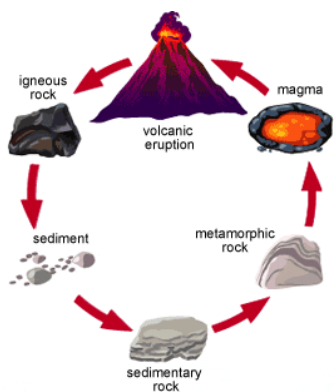


In Geography we started taking a Road trip around the U.K. We found out that the United Kingdom is made up of four countries and the names of the capital city for each country. We labelled maps with the seas surrounding the UK and located counties and cities. We also talked about and located the UK on a world map.



We identified physical characteristics in the UK, like mountains and lakes and located Peterborough on a map.

In History the children have really embraced our topic about Pre-History. They investigated when this period was and placed the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age on a timeline alongside other major periods of history. They explored how artefacts help archaeologists to discover information about how human beings lived in the past and found out what life was like for people living during these times. They also considered what threats a Stone Age person might have had to deal with in their daily lives and how they would have used their knowledge to make fires, shelter, go hunting and gathering to find food. They also looked at housing throughout the period and designed, made and evaluated their own Prehistoric housing in Design Technology.



In Science the children have been finding out about Animals and Humans, learning about healthy eating, skeletons and muscles and more recently Rocks and Soils, where they found out how fossils are formed. The children looked at the properties of different kinds of rocks and their uses. They tested the hardness and the permeability of a variety of different rocks and found out all about the Rock Cycle and how igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks are formed. Mrs Bayliss organised



a visit from a real-life Palaeontologist and the children handled fossils and sorted rocks. It was very interesting and good fun!

Recently, we decorated our classroom doors, and made some bits and pieces for the Winter Wonderland corridor display. The corridor looks very Christmassy and the children enjoy walking past them on the way to assembly.

The whole year group worked extremely hard to perform their play 'Mr. Humbug Sees the Light' to entertain parents, relatives and carers and the other children. All of the children did a fantastic job, learning lines and singing beautifully. We would all like to thank you for supporting your children by providing costumes, helping them to learn their lines and for attending the performances. We are all very proud of this smashing Christmas production.

Finally, it just remains to say thank you for all of your support this term. It is very much appreciated! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a restful holiday and we will see you again for more adventures in January 2024.



Best Wishes from Miss Bethel, Mrs Turner, Mrs Reid, Mrs Geary, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Moore, Mrs Sietnik, and all of the children in Year 3.

