

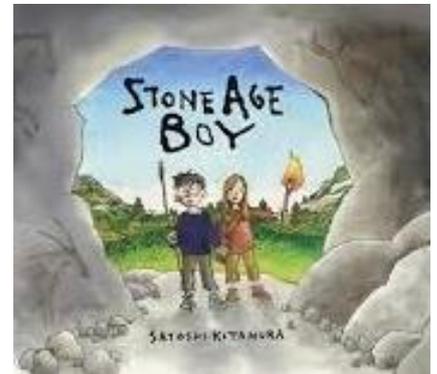
Year 3 Autumn Term 2024 Newsletter

Hello!

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!

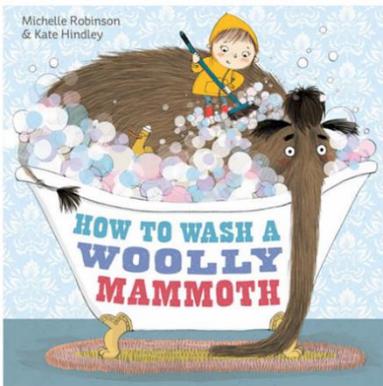
In September the children researched our class person (Marie Curie 3RW, Charles Darwin 3HB and Mae Jemison 3GT) and made a display about them.

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."

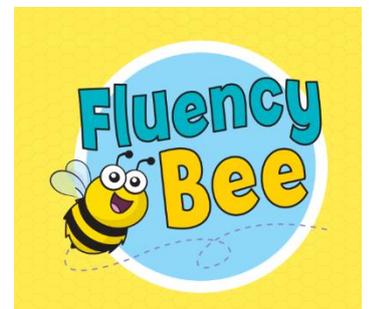


They wrote letters and diary entries and imagined what it would be like to travel back in time themselves.

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, the children have been practising their mental arithmetic skills and have been working very hard to learn their times tables. They really enjoyed using Times Tables Rock Stars to improve the speed of recall of times tables facts. They have also been using Fluency Bee to support fluency in



Maths. In lessons they have all done a lot of work about place value, mental strategies and partitioning and recombining numbers.

In Geography the children started taking a Road trip around the U.K. They found out that the United Kingdom is made up of four countries and learned the names of the capital city for each country. They labelled maps with the seas surrounding the UK and located counties and cities. They also talked about continents and located the UK on a world map, understanding that it is in Europe. They identified physical characteristics in the UK, like mountains and lakes and located Peterborough on a map. We also labelled Cambridgeshire and identified the counties that border it.





In History the children have really embraced our topic about the Stone Age. They investigated when this period of prehistory was and placed it on a timeline alongside other major periods of history. They also explored how artefacts help archaeologists to discover information about how human beings lived in the past. The children 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 as well as going hunter gathering to find food.

Recently the children enjoyed a very interesting visit to Flag Fen, where they experienced sitting around a fire in a Bronze Age hut, listening to a story, looking at artefacts and identifying their purpose and making clay pots. It was fun!



In Science the children have been finding out about Rocks and Soils, and more recently Animals and Humans. They enjoyed finding out how fossils are formed, looking 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. Later, they found out about the different food groups and how they help and support our bodies. We investigated different types of skeletons and explored how we move.



The whole year group have worked extremely hard to perform their play 'Away in a Spaceship' to entertain parents, relatives and carers and the other children at school. 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, the songs and for attending the performances. We are all very proud of this smashing Christmas production. It was full of Christmas cheer!

Finally, it just remains to say thank you for all your support this term. It is very much appreciated! We would like to 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 2025.

Best Wishes from Mrs Turner, Miss Bethel, Mrs Reid, Mrs Williamson, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Karavdra, Mrs Debell and all of the children in Year 3