

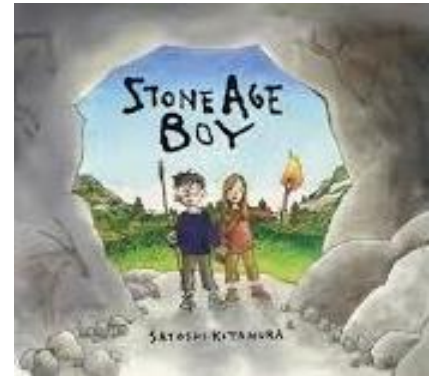
Year 3 Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter

Hello!

We have covered so much since the start 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!

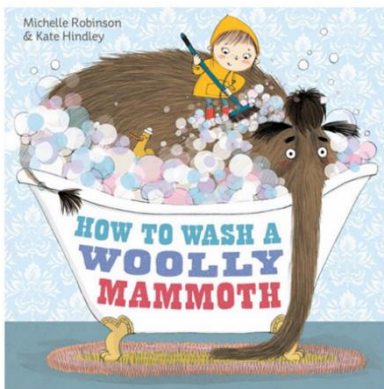
Class Person - At the start of the term, Year 3 researched their class person (Marie-Curie 3RB, Charles Darwin 3HB and Mae Jemison 3HI) and made a display about them.

English - 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 wrote instructions, using a lovely book called "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth," to write instructions for how they could wash 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.



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 explored how artefacts help archaeologists to discover information about how human beings who 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.

The Year 3 trip to Flag Fen consolidated this. The children handled and discussed artefacts, found out about the people who lived there and experienced what it was like to sit round a fire in a roundhouse and listen to a story, just like children in the Bronze and Iron Age!



Maths - The chrome books have been very useful so far, when practising mental arithmetic skills and the children continue to work very hard to learn their times tables. They really enjoy using Times Tables Rock Stars to improve the speed of their recall of times tables facts. This will continue to be a major focus for all the children in Year 3. They have also done a lot of work about place value, mental strategies and partitioning and numbers too, during daily Maths lessons.

Geography - This half term Year 3 have been completing a Geography topic. They took a "Road trip across the UK," finding out which four countries make up the United Kingdom, naming their capital cities, labelling maps with the seas which surround the UK and locating various counties and cities. They identified physical characteristics in the UK, like mountains and lakes and located Peterborough on a map.



Science - The children began the term by investigating Rocks and Soils. They found out how fossils are formed and looked at the properties of different kinds of rocks and their uses. They worked scientifically, by testing the hardness and the permeability of a variety of different rocks. They also found out all about the Rock Cycle and how igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks are formed. Mrs Bayliss organised a visit from Paleoquest and Year 3 handled fossils and sorted rocks. It was very interesting and good fun!



Christmas - Recently, Year 3 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. They also had a visit from Father Christmas, who read a story in the library and gave the children a small present to remember his visit. This proved to be a magical experience for children and adults alike!

Christmas Play -The whole year group have worked extremely hard to perform their play 'Snowy Chums' 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 2026.

Best Wishes from Miss Bethel, Mrs Reid, Miss Barks, Miss Ismail, Mrs Debell, Mrs Geary, Mrs Karavadra, Miss Freeland, Mrs Chakravarty and all the children in Year 3.