

# 3HB Autumn Term 2020 Newsletter



Hello!

What a different term we have had! We have covered so much since the start of the autumn term and it has been very busy in Lower Key Stage 2; 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!



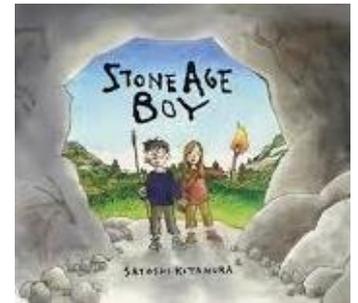
In Numeracy, we have been practising our mental arithmetic skills and have been working very hard to learn our times tables. We really enjoy using Times Tables Rock Stars to improve the speed of our recall of times tables facts. This is helping us to get our Bronze, Silver and Gold times tables awards 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. We have also enjoyed making Christmas shape pictures on the chrome books.



After finding out about our class person Albert Einstein we started our class book 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'. We enjoyed making character descriptions, dragon eyes, poems and our very own dragons. We made a fabulous display, Our next book was 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 some amazing instructions.



They have worked hard and have included lots of success criteria to develop their writing, for example using interesting adjectives and including lots of details. They have also had weekly grammar and phonics lessons to support their spellings, reading and writing. More recently the children wrote letters to Father Christmas. We are hoping their letters arrive safely!

The children have really embraced our topic about the Stone Age to Iron Age. They have investigated the role of archaeologists, found out what life was like for people living during these times, drawn and researched Stonehenge and explored how early hunter gatherers found food. They re-enacted a Stone Age hunt on the school field and also enjoyed identifying various leaves and trees whilst working in mini tribes. They took part in our Stone Age Day, taking part in various activities such as making Stone Age style soup. Many children dressed up and everyone had a really exciting and enjoyable day. The teachers and T.A.s were very proud of them (as usual).



In Science the children have been finding out about Rocks and Soils. They looked at the Jurassic Coast and found out how fossils are formed. They were very interested in the story of Mary Anning and how she found many rare fossils at Lyme Regis. 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. They were very interested in the Rock Cycle and how igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks are formed. A huge highlight was when we made the rock cycle using chocolate!



3HB are very lucky to have a specialist P.E coach (Mr Hughes) who comes to school every week for their outdoor P.E. sessions. The children began the year by improving their fitness, completing a number of different activities and circuits. More recently they have been learning the skills to play Hockey.

3HB have had weekly French lessons with Mrs Turner. They have learned a variety of French vocabulary and conversation through drama, roleplay and singing. They have also used Language Nut on their chrome books, to practise their language skills. They really enjoy speaking to each other in a different language and take part very enthusiastically every week. Well done 3HB.....or should that be tres bien?



Although things have been rather different this year we still found time to meet some real reindeer and decorate the corridors in school by making a lovely Winter Wonderland display as a year group. 3HB made some presents and Rudolf. I think you will agree they did a fabulous job with their contribution to our beautiful display. Everyone is very proud and it has made many children smile! We have had a treat the whole year group have had the pantomime Cinderella in. This was fantastic and the children loved it as well as Reindeer Day- where we had the most



wonderful time with our reindeer visitors. We enjoyed finding facts about reindeer and doing lots of reindeer activities throughout the day.

The term has certainly presented its challenges and we are so proud of how the children have adapted to the new school routines. Finally, we would all like to say thank you for all of your support this term. We are very glad for all the support and kindness we have received to make this term a success. It is very much appreciated, especially during these unprecedented times.

All that remains is 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 2021.



Best Wishes for a very happy holiday. Stay safe and look after yourselves, from Miss Bethel, Miss Shield and all the children of 3HB.