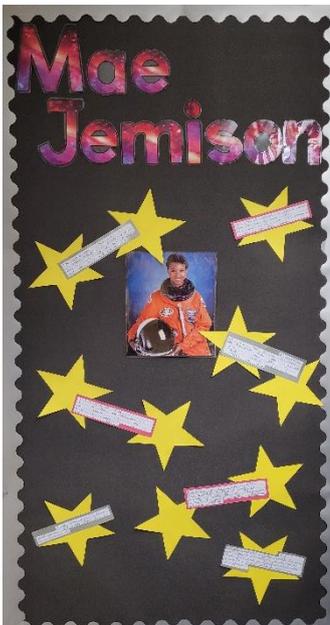


Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter

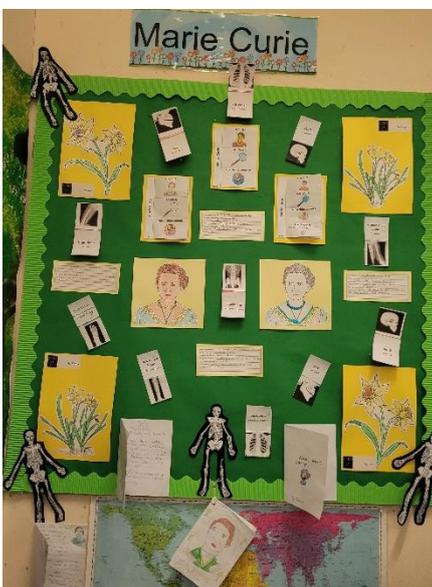
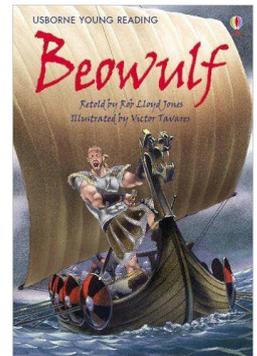
Hello!

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

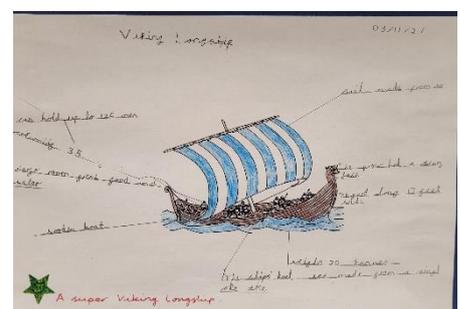
In Numeracy, we have been practising our mental arithmetic skills and have been working very hard to learn our times tables. We really enjoy using Times Tables Rock Stars to improve the speed of our recall of times. This is helping us to get our Bronze, Silver and Gold times tables awards and will continue 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 using and applying our new skills to solve problems.

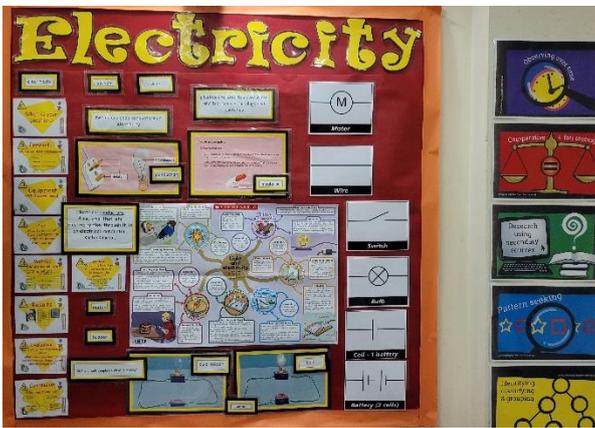


After finding out about our class people (Marie-Curie 3RR, Charles Darwin 3RK and Mae Jemison 3HB) and making a display about them, the children used a text about the famous Anglo-Saxon saga Beowulf. They wrote about the brave warrior's character and described Grendel the monster. They used the text as a focus to write diary entries from Beowulf's point of view. Later they imagined what to pack in a Viking Long ship and wrote a script describing how Beowulf killed Grendel's mother! They 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 spelling, reading and writing. More recently the children completed some winter writing and wrote a non-chronological report.



The children have really embraced our topic about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They have investigated the role of archaeologists, found out what life was like for people living during these times, drawn and researched the treasure and artefacts found at the burial at Sutton Hoo and also found out about how the Vikings invaded and settled in various parts of Britain. They found out all about place names and how some words that we use today come from those times.





In Science the children have found out about light and also looked closely at electricity and its uses. They used the terms translucent, transparent and opaque and also found out how shadows are formed. The children also really enjoyed making and drawing electrical circuits, using bulbs, motors, wires, cells and switches. They learned all about conductors and insulators and found out about the consequences of using different sources of energy and what it means for the world's climate.

Year 3 are very lucky to have a specialist P.E coach, Mr James, who comes to school every week for their indoor P.E. sessions. They began the year by improving their fitness, completing a number of different fitness activities and circuits, as well as playing lots of listening games. More recently they have been learning how to play dodgeball and have developed their team skills and tactics. They enjoy the competition between the teams and have lots of fun!



Year 3 have been really enjoying weekly German lessons with Frau Turner. They have learned a variety of German vocabulary and conversation. They really enjoy speaking to each other in a different language and take part very

enthusiastically every week. Well done Year 3...or should that be *das ist sehr gut?*



Sadly, we have not been able to invite an audience in to watch a Year 3 play due to Covid restrictions. Instead the whole year group have worked hard to learn actions and words to perform Christmas songs to entertain parents, relatives and carers online. We also decorated our classroom doors, collaged some characters and made some pears for the Winter Wonderland display. All of the children did a fantastic job. We hope this goes some way to making up for what is normally a very exciting and creative part of the year.

Finally, it just remains to say thank you for all of your support this term.

It is very much appreciated. 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 2022.



Best Wishes and a very happy holiday from Mrs Reid, Miss Bethel, Miss Kelly, Mrs Stephenson, Miss Shield, Mrs Shevlane, Mrs Braybrook and all the children in Year 3.