



Year 3 Newsletter

Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to keep you up to date.

Friday 24th October

Welcome to the Year 3 newsletter! This half term has been a busy one but we are SO proud of how the children have settled into Year 3 life. They have rose to the challenges and been so enthusiastic - what else could we ask for!?! Wishing you all a lovely half term - thank you for your continued support. The Year 3 team.

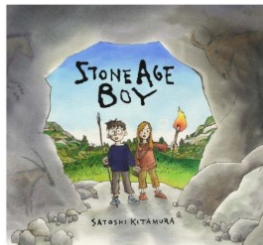
English

In English, we've had an exciting time exploring portal stories! We listened to the reading of *Stone Age Boy* and dramatized travelling back to the Stone Age, where we discovered magical stones that transported us through time. The children had lots of fun acting out their adventures and imagining what life was like thousands of years ago. After that, we wrote the first drafts of our own portal stories. To make our writing even better, we improved our stories by using fronted adverbials to add detail and suspense. It was amazing to see how just a few changes could bring our stories to life!

You can learn more about fronted adverbials here: [What is a fronted adverbial? - BBC Bitesize](#)

Listen to the adventures of *Stone Age Boy* by clicking the link below: -

[Stone Age Boy Read by Memma The Cave Woman](#)



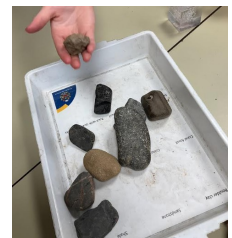
Maths

The children have been working incredibly hard in maths this week, mastering the skill of subtraction using the **decomposition method**. It's been lovely to see their confidence grow as they carefully break numbers apart and put their problem-solving skills into action. They've really enjoyed the challenge and the sense of achievement when everything clicks!

Why not ask them to show you how they do it at home? See if they can explain their steps like real mathematicians! For some extra fun practise over the holidays, have a go at the subtraction games on **Top Marks**: [Addition and Subtraction Games for Children](#)

Rocks - St Mary's Lighthouse visit

We had a wonderful visit from the staff who work as part of the team at the visitor centre. Sam was super impressed with the children's knowledge and she complemented both classes on their excellent listening and teamwork. We studied some rocks from coast and looked at fossils learning more about what a fossil is and how they are formed. A fantastic afternoon! If you wanted to visit the area around the lighthouse over the holidays, I am sure the children will eagerly share their knowledge and show you some of the areas she showed us!



Handball Festival

Last Friday, some of the children got the opportunity to play against other local first schools in a handball festival. The children showed real resilience and skill as they played against different teams. Southridge came out on top with 3 teams reaching the semi-final and then the winning team beating Marine Park. Well done everyone! Thank you to Nick and the other staff involved from AC Coaching.



Proud to make a positive
impact!

Stone Age Projects

Our classroom has truly travelled back in time to the Stone Age! The children have tackled their homework projects with incredible enthusiasm and creativity, transforming our room into a bustling village of roundhouses surrounded by colourful cave paintings and even a magnificent model of Stonehenge. We now have handmade spears, delicious berry cake recipes, fascinating Stone Age facts, and...believe it or not, some woolly mammoths roaming around too! It has been wonderful to see each unique creation arrive and to watch the children's excitement as they admire one another's work. A huge thank you to you all for your fantastic support in helping to bring these imaginative projects to life. Below is a gallery for you to enjoy their amazing efforts!



Computing

In our computing lessons, we have been learning about how to stay safe online. We started by looking at when it's appropriate to be on a device moving on to how we can ensure private information such as our names and addresses, are not shared. We followed digital trails to see which animal had shared too much information and the children used clues to work out who it was. Important messages from this unit which we hope the children will remember.



Dates ahead:

Monday 3rd November - children return to school

Remembrance Day Assembly - 10.40am Tuesday 11th November

Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December

Carol Service - Friday 12th December 1.15pm (St Mary's Church).

Christmas Holidays - Friday 19th December.

