



Year 3 Newsletter

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

Friday 25th September

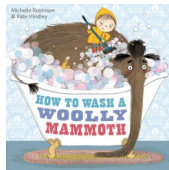
Welcome to the Year 3 newsletter! We have had a busy few weeks and the children are now settled into the year group. We have been really impressed with the excellent attitudes that the children have shown towards their learning and each other, something which was also noted by our special visitors this week! Thank you all for your ongoing support!

English

This week, the children have begun an exciting new topic on *instructions*! They kicked things off by exploring the fun and imaginative story "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth." Inspired by the book, the children wrote their own detailed sets of instructions on how to tackle this mammoth task! They also had the opportunity to follow instructions themselves - both to complete tasks and to draw their very own woolly mammoths. It's been a fantastic way to build their understanding of sequencing and clarity in writing. Follow the links below if you'd like to listen to the story again or even have a go at drawing a woolly mammoth yourself!

[HOW TO WASH A WOOLLY MAMMOTH | KIDS READING BOOKS](#)

[#AdArt - Learn how to draw a stone age woolly mammoth and terrified caveman step-by-step.](#)



Art

In our art lessons, we have been creating our own prehistoric art using charcoal and pastels. We imagined we were in the Stone Age sat around the campfire telling stories about the huge wild animals that roamed the land! We explored the medium of charcoal and explored different effects we could create such as making marks, shading, moving the charcoal around the page, adding white chalk and a dry brush. Next lesson, we will create handprints using charcoal as if we were Stone Age people!



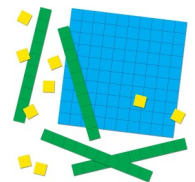
Harvest Assembly

We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to come and see the children perform at our Harvest festival assembly on **Wednesday 14th October**. It will start at **2.45 pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!



Maths

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of addition and place value. We have used practical resources, including Dienes, to partition numbers into hundreds, tens and ones and explore how we can combine them to find a total. We have also begun exploring exchanging 10 ones for a ten. We are building these practical skills and understanding before moving towards more formal, written methods.



RE

In RE we have started to learn all about Hinduism. The children have shown a keen interest in learning all about a new religion and as the weeks move on we will dive deeper into the subject.



Music

In music lessons we are very lucky to welcome Mrs Bland every Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Bland has been teaching us how to play the Ukulele. We have been having so much fun.

She will be with us for the remainder of the term and I am sure that the children will continue to enjoy her musical expertise.



Proud to make a positive impact!

Times Tables

We're pleased to share that we have continued our subscription to *Times Tables Rock Stars* (TTRS), and all the children now have their logins to practise at home. Your ongoing support in helping the children learn their times tables is greatly appreciated. This half term, we will be focusing on the 2, 5, and 10 times tables, and beginning to introduce the 4 and 6 times tables.

TTRS is a fun and engaging way for children to practise, but it also allows us to track their individual progress. In year 4, there is a statutory Times Table Multiplication Check. Read more about this below:

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/multiplication-tables-check)

Thank you for your continued support.



Key Dates ahead:

Wednesday 14th October - Harvest assembly 2:45 start

Friday 16th October - Handball Festival at Marine Park First School (information to follow in coming weeks and children will be notified if they have been selected to take part)

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October - Parents' Evenings

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October - Geology trip - more information to follow soon

Friday 23rd October - Teacher Training Day

Monday 2nd November - Teacher Training Day.

