



Year 3 Newsletter Autumn Term 1 | Tuesday 5th September 2023

Resilience Respect Reflection

Sitwell 7 Values

Resourcefulness Relationships

Responsibility Risk-taking

3 Rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe

Looking forward...Year 3 Topics...

Rock 'n' Roll - Theatre visit and Outdoor learning workshop

During our Autumn Term topic, the children will be learning all about what it meant to live in the Stone Age and understand how they changed the world. We'll be looking at housing, tools and weapons and art from this period of time.

We are planning to invite a outdoor learning workshop into school where the children can explore first hand what it was like to live in the Stone Age. The children will develop a knowledge of how the Stone Age people hunted, made fires and built shelters.

We will also be visiting the Crucible theatre in Sheffield to see The Children's Book Show. Beloved author and illustrator of 'The Stone Age Boy', Satoshi Kitamura, will be coming all the way from Japan to delight and inspire the children. He'll be talking about his work and process as an illustrator, completing lots of live drawing and sharing his imaginative stories.

We plan to hold a Stone Age assembly for parents in November. This will allow the children to showcase all of their wonderful learning from this topic.

Ancient Egyptians - Clifton Park Museum

In the Spring Term, children will delve into the world of ancient Egypt, paying particular attention to how they lived, hierarchy within this period and the discovery of the Valley of the Kings.

The children will then be invited to Clifton Park Museum to learn about the ancient Egyptian artefacts, how they look after them and present them in their exhibitions. They will take on the role of the curator and work collaboratively in groups during hands-on activities.

An Introduction....

At Sitwell Junior School our aim is to promote a love of learning by providing rich, rewarding experiences through a creative curriculum. Through celebrating efforts and achievements, we aim to develop pride in the success of our pupils so that they are ready to face future challenges.

This newsletter is designed to give you an insight into the learning experience we will be providing for your child during their time in Year 3. We value our effective communication and strong links between staff, parents and children. Together, we can make a difference!

The curriculum at Sitwell Junior School gives children opportunities to learn, build on, and develop new skills. Children are exposed to a range of subjects and activities that allow them to experience different topics and learning styles encompassing the Sitwell 7 Values.

Ancient Greeks

During our summer topic, we will be visited by the History Squad who will help us explore the fascinating differences between the Greek city states of Athens and Sparta. The children will be able to examine a hoplite's kit, try on a linethorax, and feel the weight of a dory (spear) and Xiphos (sword). The children will get hands on with ancient artefacts as we explore the struggles of the Peloponnesian War. Then, using items such as a replica discus and long jumper weights, the children will create their very own Ancient Olympics - looking at the similarities and differences between this and the Tokyo 2020 games! The workshop will finish by bringing to life some of the most engaging Greek myths, and the children will play a number of ancient strategy games!

Reading....

At Sitwell Junior School, we aim to encourage children to acquire a love of reading. Part of this requires the children to be able to read fluently, so it is really important that you listen to your child read every day. This only needs to be for a short time each day, as little and often is the best approach when supporting your child with their reading. Our class reading books in Year 3 will be as follows:

Rock 'n' Roll – **The Wild Way home by Sophie Kirtley**

Ancient Egyptians – **Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll**

Ancient Greeks – **Beasts of Olympus by Lucy Coats**

This year, we will be using Marvellous Me as a way of recording your child's reading at home. Through the app, you will be able to access a link to a form that should be submitted weekly before Friday morning. Further information, including login details, will be emailed to you today by a member of the admin team.

In addition to this, your child will receive login details to Reading Eggs, a computer-based programme which is tailored to your child's reading ability. The site has a wealth of reading texts and questions for your child to work through. As well as accessing this in class, they will be able to do so at home, providing you with further insight into your child's reading ability. If at any stage during the school year, your child forgets their log in details, the class teacher can access these for them.

Supporting your child at home...

Our long term plans, outlining the objectives we will cover in our maths, English and topic sessions, are currently being updated and will be available to view on our school website very soon. If you wish to support your child at home, or to discuss their learning with them, please use the following link, which will take you directly to the relevant part of our school website:

[Long Term Plans](#)

Reminders!

P.E. Schedule

The Year 3 children will have two sessions of PE every week, with PE days being on Monday for all 3 classes, and Wednesday for 3HT and 3RE and Thursday for 3KL. We ask that all children come to school in their P.E. kit on the days that they have P.E. PE kit is as follows: white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings or black tracksuit, and black trainers.

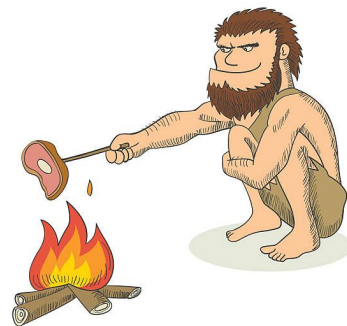
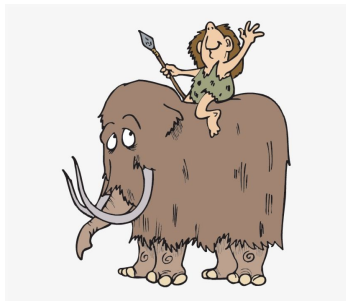
Twitter and Marvellous Me

If you would like to keep up-to-date with your child's learning in school, then check out the school's Twitter page. The account details are listed at the top of this letter. We also encourage you to track your child's learning on the Marvellous Me app.

Times Tables

We encourage children to practise their times tables on **Times Table Rock Stars**. These skills are so important and are one of the key building blocks in maths.

Year 3 Home Learning Autumn Term



Below are some home learning project ideas related to this term's topic, 'Rock 'n' Roll'. This home learning encourages the children to become investigative learners and to develop their enquiry skills, independence and creativity.

This term's first project needs to be completed and returned to school by **Monday 16th October** and the second project by **Monday 18th December**. If your child needs any paper, or other resources that school can provide, please encourage them to ask their class teacher.

Project Ideas

- Create some Stone Age pottery.
- Visit Creswell Crags. Remember to take plenty of photographs to share your experience with your friends.
- Build a shelter and capture your creation in a photograph to show your classmates.
- Dress up like a caveman for the day. Think about how they would behave.
- Go to the beach on a fossil hunt. What did you find? Take images to show the rest of your class.
- Use natural resources from outside to create your own cave painting.
- Take a camping trip to see what it may have been like to live in the Stone Age.
- Write a visitor's guide to Stonehenge.
- Have a go at fishing.
- Grow your own vegetables.
- Make some Stone Age bread, oatcakes or fruit stew and bring it in to share with your peers.
- Create a Stone Age tool or weapon.
- Make a model of Stonehenge.
- Research a Stone Age animal of your choice and create an information poster with your findings.

Please can you make sure your child brings their projects into school on the following days:

Project 1 – Monday 16th October

Project 2 – Monday 18th December

This will give time for the children to share their projects with the rest of the class before the end of each half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Taff, Mrs Levick and Miss Evans.

The Year 3 Team