

Year 3 Newsletter

Week Ending 4th November 2016

We have had an enjoyable week in Year 3, and we have come back refreshed and ready to learn.

BBC Dance mat typing

This website is very useful for helping the children with their typing skills and encouraging them to learn how to touch type. <http://play.bbc.co.uk/play/pen/g8s4pb547b>. There are 3 different levels, if you start at Level 1 it enables the children to become familiar with the keyboard and where the letters can be found. The children have been shown how to use the website whilst they were on the carpet. We will be looking at this in school this term, and it will help the children when we come to type up pieces of written work.

Homework

The children's homework this week is linked to our Maths learning. We have developed strategies that will help us to remember and apply different times tables, and have been learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables in school. Our homework this week is a 3 times table activity on MyMaths, where the children are required to find the answers to the problems e.g. $12 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$, and then apply their knowledge through the use of division questions e.g. $\underline{\quad} \div 3 = 11$. The children are able to write down their 3 times table and use this to support them with the second task.

Please could the task be completed online by **Wednesday 9th November**? Nothing needs to be printed and stuck in their homework books.

Science

This week we have started our new unit which is 'Rocks and Soils'. We have been rock detectives, and have hunted around the school to find different rocks. These pictures show the different rocks and stones that we have found in the school grounds. We found out that the rocks come in lots of different shapes and sizes as well as many different textures e.g. smooth or bumpy.



Maths

In Maths this week we have been learning our 3 and 8 times tables. We have listened to songs to help us to recall the multiples that are within each of these, along with other strategies that will help us to remember the order. We have looked at multiplying the numbers, and have begun to look at division problems, some with missing numbers, as well.

English

In English this week we have planned an alternative adventure story, using Stone Age Boy (our class text) as inspiration. We have developed our own characters, settings and planned our story lines, in preparation for our writing next week. We have also looked at prepositions and now understand that they are used to describe the position of the character or item that we are writing about.