

# Year 3 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

We made it! I can't believe the first term is over already! I am so proud of how well the children have returned to school this term. They all have the same positive attitudes and smiling faces that I remember from Year 2. I know that some of the children (and staff - myself included!) have found the return to school tiring, but overall, I am so proud of their resilience and perseverance. I missed them lots during lock-down so I have absolutely loved teaching the class again. I hope the children have enjoyed Term 1 and their enthusiasm for learning continues. I wish you all a fantastic half term.

## English

We started off the week by writing up our alternative versions of Little Red Riding Hood as a final story, adding improvements and editing as we went. We now have a collection of beautiful stories which have been collated into a class book. The children will have the opportunity to read each other's stories in Term 2.

Towards the end of the week, the children planned and wrote their own fairy tale based on everything that they have learnt so far about the genre. Some of the children chose to base their stories on popular tales such as Beauty and the Beast, Sleeping Beauty or The Three Little Pigs. We then spent two days writing our stories, ensuring we used traditional fairy tale openings, paragraphs and interesting adjectives to describe our characters and story settings.

## Maths

We completed our block of learning on addition and subtraction this week with a focus on subtraction. Once again, we used the column method to subtract numbers with up to three-digits. In some cases, the children were required to exchange. To the right is an example.

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \cancel{7} 1 2 \\ - 5 6 \\ \hline 1 6 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 3 8 \\ + 9 3 \\ \hline 1 3 1 \\ 1 \end{array}$$

## Activity Time

Year 3 loved watching 'Early Man' on Monday afternoon! They have worked so hard this term and enjoyed watching a movie together which showed them a different perspective of Stone Age life. We discussed our favourite parts of the film and compared the portrayal of the Stone Age period in the movie, to our history learning.

## Forest School

During Term 2, our Forest School sessions will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

I hope you and the children have a wonderful half term.

Miss Courtney and Mrs Patterson 😊