

Blue Class (Year 3) Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas holiday. Our topic for this term is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We will be looking at this period of history, exploring the geography, lifestyle and customs of the Stone Age people. This will also link into our science work, which will be investigating different types of rocks and their qualities and looking at animals including humans. Our PE this term will be gymnastics in the hall. Forest School will continue after February half term.

As we move further into Year 3, our times tables are becoming more of a highlight for homework, especially our 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, and 10s for this term. Spelling Shed is consistently set every Tuesday with new words. We go through these in school, but practice at home is vital for the children to consolidate and be able to use these spellings in their writing.

For reading in Year 3 we have the same expectations as previously. It is a great benefit for children to read regularly to an adult at home. The children receive a reading book (colour banded book) and a book from the library. The reading book should be read with an adult alongside discussions about the characters and the story. I have noticed that lots of the children are very good at decoding but finding the comprehension to be challenging, so practice in these areas would be very beneficial. In school we use the VIPERS (see attached photo) to help us understand what we are reading. Their library books are books for pleasure, ones to read together or for them to read independently.

I hope that we have settled in well to school after the holidays. The children have done very well and remembered a lot from the past term's learning. I can only hope that this term will go as well as last term!

'At home' suggestions for creative activities:

- Build a stone age house
- Investigate stone circles and create their own
- Design and make their own cave paintings
- Write a diary based of a person's day during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age



Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise

