

Year 3 Learning Letter (Autumn 1)

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday 28th September 9am - Parent Learning Session - Reading.
- ◆ Saturday 14th October - Brush and Butty Party.
- ◆ Monday 16th October - Class trip to New Barn Farm.
- ◆ Week commencing 23rd October is HALF TERM.
- ◆ Visit our ever improving website - it has lots of useful top tips, resources & links to great learning sites!

Year 3's Learning News

Welcome back...

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of the year. This is where we will be sharing class news, upcoming events and giving you an overview of what will be going on in our busy classrooms over this half term.

The children are settling beautifully and we have really enjoyed getting to know them over the last week. We are looking forward to a happy and exciting year full of fun, adventure and learning.

Being me in my world

We have already begun our first Jigsaw (PHSE) topic where we have focused on getting to know each other. We have also thought about our 'dream school' and our 'nightmare school'. This activity helped the children to create their classroom charter - to which we all agree. It will focus on our rights and responsibilities in creating a classroom environment which feels safe, relaxed and happy, and where great learning can happen for all.

What we will be learning...with top learning tips

Reading... In Guided Reading we will be reading texts that will deepen our knowledge of our history topic. We will also explore the features of reports and discuss their impact on the reader. Our fiction texts will help us focus on our inference skills and predicting what might happen next.

Learning Top Tip: Decode and read a sentence through once then reread it for fluency and add expression.

Writing... After discovering a dragon's nest in the school grounds the children were sent a report all about it. We will be studying this report, along with others, in detail so we can learn to write great reports of our own using headings and sub-headings accurately. We will then be moving on to a narrative unit where we will meet 'Mr and Mrs Weevil'. An eccentric, time travelling couple who collect weird and wonderful objects along the way. This story will inspire us to write lively and exciting stories of our own.

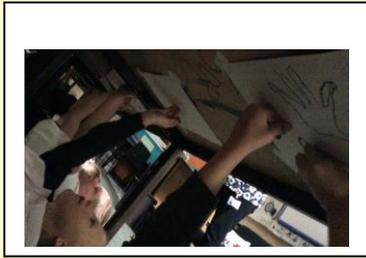
Learning Top Tip - "Remember a sentence MUST include a noun and a verb -can you spot them in your reading?."

Maths... We will be reinforcing and extending our number skills. Place value, number bonds, addition and subtraction will be the main focus during this half term. Alongside this, daily practice of our times tables will be happening. We will be making sure we are secure in 2's, 5's and 10's and learning the 4 x tables.

Learning Top Tip: *Use the resources to help you visualise your maths.*

Spelling... We will continue following the Read, Write Inc spelling program. The rules we are focussing on will be stuck into reading records on Fridays along with some words that use the rule plus some common exception words.

Learning Top Tip: Think carefully about how a root word changes when you add the suffix e.g. run + y = runny (double the consonant) shine + y = shiny (drop the e)



Children enjoying cave painting.

What we will be learning...

Science - Forces and Magnets.

History- We shall be learning about the prehistoric era - Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children will build their skills of historical enquiry by becoming archeologists and traveling back in time.

Art - Linked to History topic - Cave painting, collage to create a woolly mammoth and using watercolours to create atmospheric art.

DT - Linked to Science - using magnetism to create a box scene with floating character.

PE - Outdoor PE is on Tuesday afternoons. Chilcombe B have indoor PE on Wednesday and Chilcombe A will swim on Fridays. It is crucial for your child's health & wellbeing that they participate in all PE activities. Please ensure they have their PE kit in school. We will be calling with a polite reminder for any who forget. Thank you.

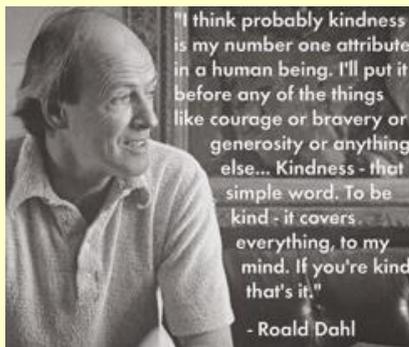
Music - Learning about musical terms. Using instruments to create a soundtrack to life in the Stone Age.

FRUIT AT BREAK TIME

Fruit is no longer provided now children are in KS2. Children can bring in a piece of fruit from home which they can take into the playground at break time. Please provide a piece of fresh fruit rather than fruit bars or snack packets. Thank you.

Parent/Carer Helper

We welcome any support from parents and carers. If you would like to listen to children read, join in with lessons in class such as art, P.E, music etc. please come and speak to a member of the year 3 team.



BPS VALUES KINDNESS

This half term we will be focusing on kindness...what it means, kind actions and the effect that an act of kindness can have on both the giver and the receiver.

6Rs (growth mindset)

Responsibility

This half term we will be focusing on responsibility; what it means to be a responsible learner and how that looks and feels in the classroom. We will also be reinforcing the idea of a growth mind set. How that helps us to learn and reach our full potential.

‘Yes we can!’ - This is the positive mindset of Year 3.

Home Learning ideas...

This half term we are learning about Stone Age to Iron Age...you could find out about life in these times, how people lived, what they did and how they moved from nomadic hunter gatherers to settled communities who traded and had rituals and belief systems.

Perhaps you might also like to try...

- “Create your own cave painting to show what your life is like and what is important to you,” suggests Mrs Preece
- Mrs Jones says, “Make a model of Stonehenge; you could use clay, playdough or even lego! Take a photo to share with us.”
- “Practise your 4 times tables by writing them down in a speed challenge. How many times can you write down 1 x 4 to 12 x 4 in 2 minutes,” says Mrs Rowe.
- Mrs Essex thought that you could find out all about forces and magnets ready for our Science topic.

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice

School Council News and Views...

Hello. My name is Ebony and I am Chilcombe A's school councillor.

Hi. I am Kai, Chilcombe B's school councillor.

We just wanted to introduce ourselves and explain our role. We represent the class at our regular School Council meetings with Mrs Taylor and Miss Tuck. We let the staff and governors know what we think will help the school to improve, as well as working to make this happen! Encourage your children to tell us their views!