

Dear Class 3 Parents,

Thursday 27th September 2018

Welcome back to the new term!

I hope you managed to enjoy your summer break and have had a well-deserved rest ready for the start of a new term. I am pleased to see Class 3 have settled in well and are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

This term's learning in Class 3 will be focused around their new topic 'Home Sweet Home.' As part of their topic, the children will be travelling back in time to explore what life was like during the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. After half term, the children will be travelling a little bit closer to home and exploring Uley and its surrounding areas, including taking a closer look at the importance of the working Mills within the area.

Alongside the exciting topic this term, the children will also be participating in lots of fun activities across the curriculum. Below is an overview of the areas we will be focusing on this term:

<p>Maths This terms Maths lessons will focus on learning and revising their understanding of place value and the four calculations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This terms times table focus: Year 3: revising the 5 times and 3 times table. Year 4: revising the 4 times table.</p> <p>Please encourage the children to keep practising their times tables at home by using games such as hit the button and chanting the times tables.</p>	<p>English Fiction: This term the class will be reading 'The Stone Age Boy' to help them learn all about what life was like in the Stone age. Non-fiction: The class will be creating their own Bronze or Iron age tools, and writing their own set of instructions and persuasive writing linked to their creations. Poetry unit: The class will be writing their own free verse poetry linked to the topic.</p>	<p>Live and Flourish Week During Live and Flourish week the class explored the school value of friendship by creating their own friendship potion. They also set their new goals and targets for the term and learnt all about the Gloucestershire born composer Raugh Vaughan Williams using his popular classical piece 'The Lark Ascending' to help them write their own poetry.</p>
<p>Computing/ICT E-safety lessons: The children will be learning all about the importance of powerful passwords and the importance of keeping personal information private online.</p>	<p>Music This term, Class 3 will be having 10 weeks of Brass lessons, learning how to play the Cornet. The lessons will take place on a Thursday and we will look forward to sharing what we have learnt during our performance concert at the end of the sessions – more information to follow.</p>	<p>Physical Education. This term the children will be participating in OAA (outdoor, orienteering lessons) during their PE lessons. This will include learning how to read maps around their local area. Class 3 will also participate in gymnastic lessons during their indoor PE sessions. PE lessons will be on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please can P.E. kits stay in school from Monday to Friday in case of any timetable changes.</p>
<p>Art and Design During their art lessons with Mrs Delrosa, the class will be creating lots of pieces of artwork linked to the topic 'Home Sweet Home.' Including making Stone, Bronze and Iron age jewellery.</p>	<p>Science (Chemistry) This term the children will be exploring different states of matter and understanding that materials have physical properties which can be compared and investigated.</p>	<p>R.E. During R.E. lessons Class 3 will be exploring the question 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' and 'What is the trinity and why is it important for Christians?' Worship This term's whole school value is Friendship. The children will be learning the importance of this value, including exploring how the value is shown within the gospel stories.</p>

Exciting events happening this term

To help explore our local area, KS2 went on an exciting trip to explore two local mills within the area. During the trip the children learnt all about the importance of the mills during the Industrial Revolution. To help introduce the topic of 'Home Sweet Home' the children enjoyed a "wow day", creating lots of pieces of artwork linked to the Stone Age. All pictures taken from the day will be made available on Class 3's page on the website.

At the end of this autumn term, Uley School will be welcoming I-Sing Pop into school. I-sing pop will be teaching the children different songs and dances which they will perform at their very own music concert. More information about the concert will be sent out closer to the time.

Homework

Every year we are amazed by the fantastic response and quality of the children's topical homework and enjoy sharing the children's pieces on the share day. We do ask for children to try and complete a range of homework pieces (including at least one 10 point task) across a range of subject areas. The deadline for all homework pieces to be brought in this term will be on **Monday 26th November**, ready to share during the afternoon. However if any homework is finished prior to the share day, they are welcome to bring it into school earlier.

Alongside the topic homework maps, we ask children to continue to read at home regularly, use Mathletics to encourage Maths practice and to keep practicing their times tables. If you require any more Rainbow Maths sheets to keep practicing at home, they are now available on the school website or please feel free to pop in and ask for some.

I am sure we will have a fantastic and very busy first term back at school. I look forward to celebrating all your child's achievements with you this term.

Kind regards
Miss Walker