

# Y3 Newsletter

## October 2016

### News



P.E. kits- P.E. will be on a Monday afternoon. All children need an indoor and outdoor kit (something a little warmer than shorts).

Homework will be sent out on a Wednesday due for collection on Monday- the same as usual.

### English

In English this half-term, we have worked really hard on retelling a story using symbols and actions, writing diary entries and writing instructions. We looked at different words for 'said' (synonyms) and used them to write dialogue sentences to show speech between characters. We experienced what it was like to live in a cave in our fantastic Imagination Studio Room and this gave us lots of ideas on how we could use our senses to add extra detail into our work and improve our creative writing. Lots of practise on bossy verbs (imperatives) helped us to write good instructions on how to make a sandwich. We even made a sandwich by listening to instructions, step by step and shared ideas about how to tell someone how to do it. Next half-term, we will start looking at describing settings - where stories take place, in our preparation for fantastic story writing where we will be working on our targets.

### Maths

In Maths this term we have been learning about place value and also addition and subtraction.

In place value we have been using our maths skills to order numbers, to place them on number lines, to partition numbers into Hundreds, Tens and Units, and to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100.

In addition and subtraction we have used number lines to calculate the answers to problems. We have also looked at written methods of addition and subtraction. For addition we have focused on the expanded column method and in subtraction we have focused on using the expanded partitioning method.

After half term we will begin to study multiplication and division and working on quick recall of times table facts.

### Irresistible Learning

For our IL topic this term we've been studying the Stone Age. We've looked at how early humans lived, their homes and families. In Art we've used clay to sculpt Stone Age inspired pots or figurines and created our own version of Stonehenge. Our science topic involved lots of experiments involving rocks; from testing permeability, describing their properties to creating our own chocolate rocks.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Children In Need (Non-Uniform)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Photographs

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Ukulele Concert

### Continuous learning

Speech marks (inverted commas).

Standard methods for the two mathematical operations (addition, subtraction).

### Celebrations

In 3D this term Merit badges have been awarded to Luisa, Maddison, Eisa, Kartar, Dhruvi and Noah. In 3K this term Merit badges have been awarded to Tiago, Shay, Abbie-Rose, Kai, Eeshal, Sanjay and Amberlyn. In 3M this term Merit badges have been awarded to Lilly, Shysta, Leo, Mia and Kaiyan.