













Summer 1 Newsletter

# Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Summer 1!

#### As a school we will be focusing on Keep Green:



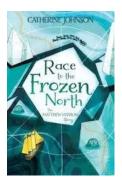
Our learning will be centred around transport this term.

# Reading for Pleasure!

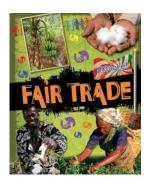
We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes. Did you complete the reading challenge with your child? What books have they read? What did you learn about their reading and their interests? These are the books we have read this year so far, can you talk to your child about these books?











## Reading

This half term we will be reading The 13 storey treehouse and the non-fiction texts 'Explore: Stone, Bronze and Iron ages' and 'Stone Age to the Celts'. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs.

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next
- Understanding the organization of a non-fiction text

### Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of scavengers and settlers and we will be reading the book 'Stone age boy'. Using this text, the children will write a narrative piece, including speech in inverted commas. The children will then write a diary entry from the perspective of a child who has gone back in time to the stone age. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding inverted commas to dictate speech, as well as continuing to use similes and metaphors. For example:

"I can't believe I'm in the stone age, it's a dream come true!" shouted Max excitedly.

#### Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

**Time** - telling the time on a 12 and 24 hour clock as well as in roman numerals.

Statistics- Understanding data from pictographs and bar graphs.

To support your child further, here are some useful links:

### History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about scavengers and settlers. We will be exploring the stone, bronze and iron ages, focusing on the 3 eras of the stone age: The Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. The children will be comparing these eras to modern life. The children will be finding out more about the history of humanity, discovering and exploring early human life and how it has progressed into modern day society.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st April Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April Summer 1 term starts

Monday 5th May Bank Holiday

Friday 9th May Year 3 Assembly

Friday 23rd May end of Summer 1



## Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep kind.' We will be learning about how we can be active members of our community and help the elderly.

### Science

Our Science topic this half term will be around Plants. We will explore different types of plants and what they need to grow, survive and reproduce. We will observe how pollinitors work and their importance for plant growth.

We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

The links below provide some useful information about the habitats we will be studying:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy66fg8

### **ICT**

Our topic this half term is 'Creating media". We will develop our understanding of how text links with pictures to create an understanding. We will be experimenting with fonts, colours and emojis to make an invitation.

#### **PSHE**

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Relationships'. During this topic, the children will think about and discuss families, healthy relationships and who can keep them safe. They will learn and talk about appreciating those around them.

### RE

Our focus religion this half term is Islam. Our key question is 'Does praying at regular intervals help Muslims in their everyday lives?".

#### PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on fitness and athletics.

Class PE Day: **Tuesday** 

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays.

#### Music

The children will be exploring disco music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create and write music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), legato and piano. They will also rehearse their songs for Hackney Music Festival.

## Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is 'transport.' The children will learn how to use language linked to different modes of transport.

#### Art

This half term, we are using our topic focus of Scavengers and Settlers to make some stone age inspired art. We will look at cave paintings for inspiration.

### Cooking

This half term in cooking we will be making pastries! Year 3 will be making patties, focusing on using measuring spoons to measure ingredients accurately.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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