

Who were the Ancient Britons and were they smart?

Year 3 Newsletter – autumn second half term



I hope you have all had a refreshing and relaxing break during the half term. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone and continuing the amazing start which all the children have made. The children have settled really well into their new classroom, new routines and the challenges of a new curriculum.

This half term we have so many exciting subjects and topics to study and cannot wait to get started ☺

This term ...

In history this half term we will be continuing to build on the first half terms learning all about the ancient Britons and prehistoric Britain. This half term we will be focusing on Iron Age Britain, and considering their ways of life and comparing them to how we live today, we will be looking at how the discovery of new materials changed the lives of people.

In art this half term we will be developing our painting and drawing skills. We will be experimenting with colour and techniques,

In ICT we will be learning how to use technology safely. They will consider how to stay safe online. We will also be creating algorithms, sequences and using our debugging skills.

Our science topic will be magnets and forces, class about forces, friction and magnetic attraction. They will learn about forces in the context of pushing and pulling, and will identify different actions as pushes or pulls. We will be investigating and experimenting to help build our knowledge of forces and magnets.

PE this half term will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please come in your school PE kits on these days. This half term we are developing our dodgeball and basketball skills.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything with me.

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com

www.classdojo.com

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

MATHS This half term we continue to develop our knowledge of addition and subtraction. We will be developing our written methods to add and subtract larger numbers. We will then be moving on to multiplication and division.

There will also be a big focus on the learning of times table and division facts. We will be using TT Rock stars which will be happening daily, this will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts. The children will have a daily timed times table test in Year 3 please help them to practice the times table they are working on.

ENGLISH Our text this half term is The Iron Man, it tells the story of a mysterious, gigantic iron robot who mysteriously appears on a cliff.

The book will develop both our reading and writing skills. The children will also have handwriting and spelling and grammar lessons throughout the week.

PE. Please ensure children come dressed in their PE kit on PE days. This term PE day will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. If your child cannot take part, please send a note or dojo message.

HOMEWORK – The children will be expected to read frequently (see below), maths practice which will be online. The children will also have a weekly spelling list.

HOME READING BOOKS/Go Read–Please use your go read accounts to record your child's reading and any comments. Books will be changed as needed, children will be shown where to put them so that they can be changed . Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.

CLASS DOJO Please ensure you keep up to date with class dojo, it enables us to keep in contact and share important notices and updates as well as our work in class.