

#### Year 3

This week in year 3 we have been looking at Stone Age artefacts and understand what they would have been used for. In music we have been learning a Stone Age song to the tune of 'We Will Rock You' which we will perform later in the term in assembly to the whole school.

In Spelling sessions, we are recapping our phonics knowledge by looking at the phoneme 'ou' and the different sounds it makes.

In Science we have carried on looking at forces using Newtons. We used a Newton meter to measure the force needed to drag our shoe across different surfaces. We then took our results and presented it in a bar graph.

#### Year 6

In maths, we have been revisiting our knowledge of written addition and subtraction. We have been using the column method to add and subtract decimals. The children have worked hard to use the correct mathematical vocabulary when explaining their methods. In addition, on a daily basis, we have been rehearsing our times tables. Don't forget to use Times Table Rockstars at home to improve your speed. This week, in science, the children have enjoyed learning about the parts of the blood. For their practical lesson, they used a range of sweets and liquids to replicate the red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma. It was great to see the scientific vocabulary being used and their application of ratio and proportion.

#### Year 4

This week, year 4 have produced some excellent work in writing linked to the book 'Wolves in the Walls' by being able to use conjunctions to join two sentences together and use fronted adverbials for place.

Year 4 have also continued to look at place value in maths and have been able to count back in steps of 1000 and compare 4-digit numbers.

In science, we have been looking at solids, liquids and gases and have conducted our first experiment of the year.

#### Year 5

This week, year 5 have been refining their writing skills through using a range of fronted adverbials as well as adverbial phrases to create a diary entry from Jub's viewpoint, based on *The Lost Happy Endings*.

In Maths, we have been continuing to explore place value and discuss 6-digit numbers using words, numerals and number lines, building on our prior knowledge. Our Science lessons have focused on seed dispersal and have led to engaging discussions and effective communication around our topic of asexual reproduction. Finally, as part of our RE curriculum, our year group visited "Life Exhibition" at Florence Street Mission Hall - we all enjoyed the range of interactive activities (and the biscuits and squash at the end of the session).

#### **ATTENDANCE**

When reporting your child's absence, we are required to note a reason for their absence such as cold, sickness, headache etc. If a message is left indicating the child is 'unwell' this is not sufficient enough for our records, and we will need to contact again to confirm the specific reason for absence. We do not like to disturb you when we know your child is unwell. When reporting your child's absence please ensure that a specific reason is given. Please can all calls regarding your child's absence be made to the school office by 8:25am each day they are off.

## **JEANS FOR GENES**

Thank you to all of those who donated using the JustGiving page for Jeans for Genes Day, we appreciate all the support received towards this worthy cause.

## SCHOOL READING VOLUNTEERS

Grange Junior School are looking for parent helpers to hear the children read in school. Reading is an important part of our curriculum. If you are able to offer any time to hear the children read, we would love to hear from you. You can make a real difference! Please contact the school office for more information.

### **PARENTPAY - YEAR 3**

Thank you for bearing with us while we sorted the ParentPay issue, we believe this is now resolved. Please can we kindly ask all Year 3 parents check that they can successfully log in to ParentPay and if you have any issues, please contact the school office (01793 822405).

# **CLUBS PARKING**

We have several clubs running on a Tuesday evening, we kindly request when collecting your child from after school club you park in the Leisure Centre car park and walk over. Please do not park on the school site.



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# Mountford Manor Primary School

Thur 19th - Fri 27th October 2023

Age: 5-11 08:45-16:15 £20.99 Per Day

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Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

### PLEASE BRING

Lunch box
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!







