

Year 3 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the second edition of the Year 3 newsletter. We are really pleased to be back together with lots of new learning ahead of us.

This term we have already had an exciting visit from Zoolab and have met some real life predators.

Homework

The main focus for homework this year continues to be reading at home. Reading books will be given out on a **Monday** and need to be back in school on **Friday**. Please hear your child read at least 3 times a week and make sure you record it in their reading records.

Every Friday your child will be tested on a group of spellings. These can be found at the back of their reading records.

This term we have a strong focus on times tables. There are many ways you can support this at home. These include TT rockstars, BBC Supermovers and You Tube gives a variety of clips that can support times tables knowledge.

Days to remember:

Monday: Reading books to come home
Tuesday - PE
Wednesday - PE
Friday - Spellings tested. Reading books and reading records to be back in schools

Curriculum for the Summer Term

Our topic themes this term are: Predator and Tribal Tales

Maths - Fractions, angles and properties of 2D shapes, time, mass and capacity

English - Writing for a range of genres both fiction and non-fiction.

Science - Plants, Light, Fossils, Healthy eating, Skeletons and muscles

History - Stone age to Iron Age

Geography - Map work

P.E. - Rounders and athletics

Design Technology - Making ancient structures, designing and making tools, cooking

Art - Iron age jewellery, Neolithic art

Computing - Scratch

R.E. - Baha'i

Spanish - conversation with increasing vocabulary

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Fancy a Challenge?

Have a look at these Predator challenges.

1) Visit a zoo, wildlife sanctuary or animal house to observe predators and prey. Alternatively, watch suitable video footage online. Choose one example of a predatory animal and another of a prey animal. Draw a labelled diagram of each animal showing the features they use to either hunt their prey or evade capture from a predator.

2. The animal kingdom is a collection of nearly two million creatures, including vertebrates and invertebrates. Use information books and the internet to answer the questions and complete the tasks.

- a. What is a vertebrate?
- b. What is an invertebrate?
- c. List some vertebrates and invertebrates.
- d. Find out about the following animal groups and write some sentences to record your findings.
 - amphibians
 - arthropods
 - birds
 - fish
 - mammals
 - reptiles

3) Read animal stories and poems, including fables or tales from other cultures.

Examples include, *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson, *Charlotte's Web* by E B White, *Tiger, Tiger Burning Bright* by Fiona Waters or *Poems About Animals* by Brian Moses. After reading, write a book review that includes the title, author, plot summary, characters, settings, themes, your opinion and a star rating