

# Year 3 Newsletter- 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents,

Week 2 and the children have settled in well to the new school routine and understand that Year 3 is a step up, but that there is always a lot of support available to help them to understand their learning. I have been so impressed with the effort that the children are putting in each day. I am sure that they are probably exhausted right now and the gloomy weather certainly won't help that.

We are looking forward to our Stone Age DT day on Tuesday and this will give the children the opportunity to have a fun session making Woolly Mammoths and creating cave art. Please could you ensure that they are wearing old clothes that you don't mind them getting messy? Please could the children bring in a milk carton by Tuesday? There will be lots of photos of the chaos and their creations in next week's newsletter.

In maths this week, the children were learning all of the different ways that we can represent 3 and 4-digit numbers. We stopped to focus on writing numbers in the hundreds and thousands correctly and the children were much better at this by the end of the week. They could also tell me the value of each digit in the numbers with the use of a Place Value Grid.

English this week concluded our story 'Stone Age Boy' and the children thought about what it might feel like to be in a cave. They planned some short sentences using noun phrases and then added conjunctions to give reasons for their choices. I am impressed with the neat hand-writing and the fact that most of the children remembered their capital letters and full stops. We usually have to keep reminding them of this all the way through KS2. At the end of the week, the children wrote their own short adventure, as if they had fallen and landed in a cave during the Stone Age era.

In computing this week, the children were learning about digital devices and what things we use in our lives might be one, or have one inside them. We talked about how an aeroplane on autopilot needs a digital device to guide it. The children were inputting data, noticing a process and seeing the output at the end during this week's session.

In Geography, the children were learning what a river is, that it has a source and a mouth and how they meander through valleys and cities. We learnt a song about rivers and it was so catchy that I heard it being sang all afternoon.

Hopefully, the children enjoyed their Ukulele session. Some parents have asked about purchasing them. I am sure that you can pick a ukulele up fairly cheaply on a variety of websites and don't need to spend too much money. The children do not need their own for the Monday afternoon lessons in school...we have enough for every child from Kent Music School. The lessons are taught by Johnathan Jaggard from Kent Music School and the children really enjoyed their first lesson.

**Spellings 18:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, January, February, March, April, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

**Spellings 7:**

Who, why, where, when, what, were, want.

Have a great weekend!

Thanks,

**The Year 3 Teaching Team**