

# Year 3 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

## History

This week in history we started to write information texts about Stonehenge. We included information on what Stonehenge is, how it was built and what archaeologists and scientists believe it was used for. Lots of children already knew fantastic facts about Stonehenge from their project work. These information texts will be continued next week.

## RE

In RE this term, our topic is Incarnation. Incarnation means that God became flesh, that God assumed a human nature and became a man in the form of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the second person of the Trinity. The children have spent time in our RE lessons thinking about what the idea of incarnation means to Christians and why this brings them hope.

## Maths

This week, we are studying the multiplication and division facts for the 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. We have worked on our rapid recall of the times tables facts for all of the above numbers by chanting them, playing games and dancing along to the Macarena! Each day, we practised our times tables or division facts then applied this learning to problem solving activities.

## English

In English, we looked at speech marks on Monday. The children found this a tricky skill to learn last term, so we spent a lesson re-capping how to use speech correctly in our writing. We will try to include this punctuation in our adventure stories that we planned this week. On Tuesday, we spent the lesson working on our handwriting. We practised our letter formation by copying out sentences from our class book, 'The Night Pirates'. Handwriting will be a continued area of focus this term.

We spent the rest of the week planning our own adventure story, which will be an alternative version of our class book, 'The Night Pirates'. The children swapped characters and settings from the story to create their own version. We wrote the beginning and middle part of our stories this week and will

continue to finish, edit and improve them next week.

### Computing

In Computing, the children are covering 'Online Safety' as their Purple Mash unit of learning. During week 1, the children discussed the importance of passwords and keeping passwords safe. Can they tell you what makes a safe password? Last week, we discovered how communities connect together, using the internet and looked at blogging as a way of connecting and communicating both in class and in school using Purple Mash.

Throughout the term, the children will start to understand that not everything on the internet is true and whilst it is a fantastic resource, we need to ask ourselves, is it fact or fiction? To show this, Year 3 had the opportunity to see a 'spoof' website and create their own 'spoof' webpage.

### Children in Need

Throughout the week, we have supported BBC Children in Need through buying and selling cupcakes. Thank you for all of your support and for helping the children to create such delicious cupcakes for Tuesday. Mrs Patterson and I were blown away the truly amazing range of cupcakes! We were so proud of the children's efforts.



### DT

In DT, we are designing, creating and evaluating photo frames. So far, the children have looked at what makes a successful photo frame and the properties and materials that they are made from. They will be planning and creating their own frames next. For the creation process, we are collecting cereal boxes. Please can the children bring in a cereal box with their name labelled clearly on it for next week? Only one box is needed per child. If they could start bringing these in from Monday, that would be very helpful. Thank you in advance.

Have a wonderful weekend! 😊

Miss Courtney and Mrs Patterson