

Year 3 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 11th October, 2021

Woodland Learning

We continued our history learning during our latest Woodland Learning session by making a Stone Age weapon which the children had planned previously in class. Year 3 really enjoyed playing outside and I must say, they played beautifully together. Mrs Patterson and I were so proud of the children's responsible attitudes and lovely teamwork. As well as making Stone Age weapons, the children had fun climbing trees, building dens and making popcorn on the fire. The first attempt at popcorn making came out slightly charcoal-flavoured, although some of the children awarded it 5 stars for flavour!

Here are some photos from today:





Music

The children have really enjoyed learning to play the ukulele this term with Mr Jaggard. They are becoming more confident holding the ukulele in its correct position and they are now confidently playing a number of chords. Mr Jaggard's sessions have ended for Term 1 and he will return in Term 2 on Tuesday 8thth November. The children are welcome to bring in their own ukuleles again on this date. Ukuleles will not be needed until then.

Spellings

Next week, there will not be a spelling test in school as we will be using this time to assess the children and go over any gaps in learning. During the week, you could go over any words that the children got wrong during their previous spelling tests from Term 1. You may want to just focus on reading during this final week. As always, your support with reading, spelling and home learning is really appreciated!

Activity Time

The children have been saving up marbles (one marble = one minute of activity time) over the last couple of weeks to use on a special treat. To help with our understanding of the Stone Age, and to celebrate a whole term of being back together again, we will be watching 'Early Man' in class on Thursday 21st October. The film is rated PG. If you do not wish for your child to watch this film, please let me know via an email to the office or a note on Monday morning. The children are welcome to bring in some popcorn or a similar snack for the afternoon.

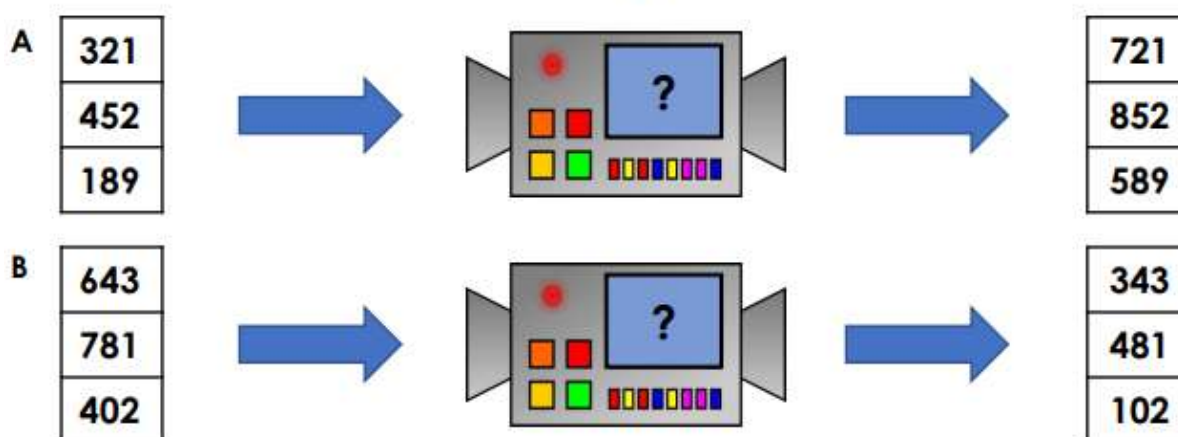


Maths

This week, we continued our learning of adding using a formal method. We used the column method to add together two three-digit numbers which required us to cross boundaries. The children have really listened to feedback this week and their layout and organisation of their work has really improved. On Wednesday, we applied our learning of addition to reasoning challenges and word problems. The children solved questions using a formal written method, by using physical resources and by drawing diagrams.

Later in the week, we re-capped adding and subtracting hundreds from three-digit numbers. Here's an example below:

What function are both function machines performing?



English

We continued exploring fairy tales this week in our English lessons. The children wrote alternative versions of Little Red Riding Hood throughout the week. We based our stories on the structure of Little Red Riding Hood, but we changed key elements such as the settings and characters. We broke our story up into chunks throughout the week and we will write up our stories as a whole version next week, adding in improvements to our spellings and vocabulary.

In our stories we included paragraphs, speech marks and we followed the typical

structure of fairy tale stories. The children worked really hard on their stories and will plan and write their own fairy tales next week based on everything we have learnt so far about the fairy tale genre.

To ensure that we knew the story really well before writing it, we have been reading the story of Little Red Riding Hood lots over the last couple of weeks. We came up with actions to remember certain parts of the story and the children have carried out drama activities to really secure the story order in their minds. Here are some photos of these part of our lessons:



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Year 3 have Woodland Learning again on Tuesday 19th October.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Courtney and Mrs Patterson 😊