



Last term, we enjoyed... going back in time and learning all about Egypt and Ancient Maya. We particularly enjoyed learning about Tutankhamun and the Great Pyramid of Giza. In Science, we investigated forces and designed experiments to find out what materials magnets attract and the different poles on the magnets. We also learned to identify pull and push forces. In English, we stepped into the wonderful world of Paddington Bear and learned about his amazing adventures. The children thoroughly enjoyed writing their own narrative stories and an information leaflet on famous London landmarks. In maths, we extended our place value knowledge, learning our numbers up to 1,000 as well as focussing on adding and subtracting numbers, using the formal column method. In our art topic all about 'landscapes', we learned about the famous artist 'Claude Monet' and created beautiful artwork in his style. In music, we explored the sounds and instruments of Ancient Egypt and refined our playing and composing skills. Well done on a great start to Year 3!

This term, we are looking forward to... celebrating the new year with a positive attitude to learning and doing our best to be the best we can possibly be! We have a very busy, yet exciting, term to leap into with our Year 3 learning shoes! In Maths, we will be securing our understanding of multiplication and division across the 2-, 5-, 10-, 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. The children have already made a great start in writing poems all about rubbish and recycling, ready for our focus text 'Stig of The Dump' by Clive King. In Science, the children will be learning all about rocks, how they are formed and categorised. Coasts and Counties is our topic in Geography with a visit to Ingleborough Caves later in the term.

After half-term, we are really looking forward to immersing ourselves into The Stone Age era in History and we simply can't wait to read The Iron Man in English. In Art, we will be exploring cave paintings and will be using natural materials to draw and paint our own and exhibit these on our Stone Age Day.

Key Vocabulary

Here is some key vocabulary that we will be using throughout the half term:

- coast
- shore
- erosion
- cliff
- cave
- stack
- RNLI
- rock
- boulder
- grain
- layer
- texture
- absorb

If you wish, you could use the following websites for Science (Rocks) and Geography (Coasts of the UK):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zk6fydm>

Important days and dates

- PE sessions will take place on a Monday afternoon and Friday morning. Please ensure your child is in their active uniform.
- Mrs Noakes teaches Green Class on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Visit to Ingleborough Caves- date TBC

Homework: to support your child's learning, the expectation in Green Class is:

- 3x reading per week
- Spellings go home on a Friday and will be tested in school the following Friday.
- 3x Times Table Rock Stars per week
- 3x Bug Club

Please ensure book bags and communication books are in school **daily**, with details of what your child has read at home, their Bug Club and TT Rock Stars achievements to enable us to celebrate this in school.