

Reminders

PE: Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit in school. P.E. lessons are on a FRIDAY.

All PE kit, clothing, shoes and any items brought into school must be clearly labelled.

Please remember that all children must wear black shoes as part of our uniform. If your child wears wellies to school they should have a change of shoes for the classroom.

Headscarves and hair bobbles and clips should also be only in school colours.

Dates for the half term

Friday 18th November - Children in Need. All children may wear something spotty to school.

Tuesday 22nd November - Year 3 Maths Morning. 9.00-9.30 a.m. Come and join your child in their class and enjoy some Maths activities.

Tuesday 29th November - Parent Curriculum Presentation. Year 3 children will tell you about some of the things we have been learning this term. Old sports hall 9.00-9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 13th December - Year 3 trip: Natural History Museum.

Tuesday 15th December - Carol Concert a.m. Christmas parties p.m.

Wednesday 21st December - last day, finish at 12.30p.m.

(Children return **Tuesday 5th January 2017**)

Buxton School



Year 3



parent Newsletter

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term. The children have all settled into Year 3 well and are getting used to their new routines.

Most of you have now had the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and see some of the wonderful work being done in Year 3 so far this year.

This half term our main topic is **Scavengers and Settlers**.



This is a History, Design Technology and Art based topic in which the children will be finding out how fossils are made and what we can learn from them, learning about a river valley civilisation and studying the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age cultures. We will be making our own cave paintings and creating fake fossils. The classes will have the opportunity to study ancient civilisations like Skara Brae and Varna Necropolis and look at archaeologists findings on earliest man like Lucy in Ethiopia and Otzi the Iceman in Austria.

Curriculum

Over this half term, we will be covering the following:

Literacy - Plays We will be looking at the features of play scripts and have a go at writing our own and acting them out.

- Instructions We will be looking at different types of instructions and writing our own. We will create and follow instructions to make something exciting!

Spellings

We will continue with our spelling strategy: 'No Nonsense Spelling' where the children will be researching various spelling patterns such as suffixes or prefixes, plurals, homophones and words using apostrophes. They will be required, on occasion to find their own words which fit a phoneme or other letter pattern.

Maths

Addition and Subtraction

Adding and subtracting ones, tens and hundreds to two-digit and three-digit numbers.

Geometry

Properties of 2D shapes including right angles. Quarter, half, three-quarter and right-angled turns.

Multiplication and division

Calculations and word problems involving the 4 and 8 times tables and related division equations.

Time

Estimate and read time to the nearest minute on analogue and digital clocks.

Compare time in terms of seconds, minutes and hours. Read time on a 12-hour clock using Roman numerals I - XII.

RE - Christianity

Homework

Maths and Literacy homework is given out every **Wednesday** and is to be returned the following **Wednesday** to the children's Literacy and Maths teachers.

Your child is also expected to read daily and this must be recorded in a reading record. Reading records are collected in on Tuesday and Friday.

School trip

We have booked an educational visit to the **Natural History Museum** on Tuesday 13th December 2016. There will be a letter with all details nearer the time. We will need at least three parent helpers per class to make this possible. If you are able to help us on that day please contact your child's class teacher.

Useful websites

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saber-toothed_cat

www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/214511/fossil

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucy_\(Australopithecus\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucy_(Australopithecus))

www.iceman.it/en/node/226

<http://ms302ss.blogspot.co.uk/2010/09/huntergatherers.html>

http://21stcenturyclassroom.wix.com/ancient-world-history#!__prehistoric-people