

Reminders

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

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

Wednesday 28th November - Pantomime (Letter to follow)

Thursday 29th November - Year 3 trip to the British Museum.

Wednesday 12th December - KS2 Christmas disco (details to follow)

Tuesday 18th December - Carol Concert a.m. Christmas parties p.m.

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

(Children return **Tuesday 8th January 2019**)

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 having a go at writing our own and acting them out.

- Discussions ; for and against. Consider different sides of an argument and decide on a course of action,.

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 your child's class teacher.

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 British Museum** on **Thursday 29th November 2018**. You will have received a letter with all the details on. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform and has a packed lunch. The children will not need any money for this trip as we are not visiting the museum shop. We will be back at school by 3.20 p.m.

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