



Y3 SPJS News



Autumn 2019



Choir visits

We had such a great time at all the events we took part in. We visited Ryelands and Brambledown and really enjoyed singing to the old folks.



"I liked it when they joined in," Florence P. "We especially enjoyed chatting to them," Candy and Saanvi.

"We also took part in a Carol Service at St Patricks. I loved playing Mary and singing a solo," Florence J. "Singing 'Hallelujah' to wake up the shepherd was really funny," Marli -Mae. "Yulefest was brilliant with all of the parents watching and clapping. We love being in the choir." Holly, Orpheus and Sophia.



Letter Writing

In Year 3 we have been writing letters to Santa. We had to persuade Santa that we deserved gifts this year for being good. We made sure that our letters contained persuasive writing and that they were very neat and polite. After we had written and edited our letters, we used our best handwriting to copy the letter onto colourful Christmas paper. Next, we carefully wrote the address on the envelopes and made sure we remembered to add the stamp.

Finally we walked to the local post box and popped the letters in the box. "It was so much fun posting the letters!" Exclaimed Thomas. We hope that Santa replies very soon!

Butser Ancient Farm

On the 14th October, Year 3 travelled to Butser Ancient Farm. It was a long journey and took over an hour to get there. When we arrived, we were amazed to see buildings from different Ages. We enjoyed making jewellery out of copper, pottery out of clay and eating our lunch in the dark, Stone Age house.

"My favourite part was eating lunch in the dark." said Leia, whereas Emma D responded "My favourite part was making jewellery." At the end of the day we were allowed to buy small gifts in the shop and then very tired and weary, we travelled home on the coach. It was such a lovely day (despite all the rain!) and we learnt so much about living in the Stone and Iron Age.



Stone Age



We have learnt a lot about the Stone Age people: what they wore, where they lived, what they ate, how they hunted and gathered and then became farmers, how their weapons

changed from flint to metal and all about Skara Brae. We loved visiting Butser Ancient Farm where we saw the type of houses they lived in. By Idrees, Victoria, Dylan and Ava.

We made some Stone Age cave art and I really enjoyed using charcoal like they did in the Stone Age. By Zheng Nan.



3S's STONE AGE Class Assembly

On Friday 6th December 3S performed their class assembly. It was all about the Stone Age. "Through doing the assembly I learnt that hunter-gatherers don't just throw spears but they also look and find food," explained Emma. "My favourite part was when I said about the wolves being kept to hunt and guard and then Ollie popped up with a wolf mask on!" said Blake. "I liked it when I did my Scottish accent because I made lots of people laugh!" shared Oscar. "If I got the chance to perform it again, I would speak with more expression so I can tell the story with my face," reflected Susannah. It was a brave, enthusiastic and entertaining performance! Well done, 3S!



Maths

Here is a list of the topics year 3 have covered this term.

Place Value

- * The difference between a digit and a number
- * Comparing and ordering numbers
- * Using equipment to understand place value

Addition and Subtraction

- * Adding and subtracting numbers mentally
- * Adding/ subtracting a pair of 3 digit numbers together using the column method
- * Solving word problems based on addition and subtraction

Multiplication and Division

- * Counting in multiples of 3, 4, 8, 50 and 100
- * Solving word problems based on multiplication and division
- * Learning to represent calculations using arrays, bar models, base ten and through other visual representations

Reminders:

- * All children are due back to school on Tuesday 8th January
- * Please continue to read as much as possible over Christmas
- * This half term's optional project is based around The Stone Age and is due after Christmas

The Great SPJS Bake Off!

We have been busy recently in Year 3 designing and making biscuit Christmas decorations to hang on our Christmas trees. First, we designed the biscuits in our DT books. After washing our hands we went into the hall and were split into groups. We had to carefully follow a recipe and had fun measuring out all of the ingredients. When the dough was made and had been chilled, we each rolled it out and cut out shapes using Christmas cutters. "The trickiest part was transferring the cut out biscuit onto the baking tray as it kept getting stuck!" We had to remember to make a hole in the biscuit before putting it on the tray. After baking the biscuits, we all used our own designs to decorate them. They looked fabulous! Finally, we thread ribbon through the biscuit. We have hung them on our Christmas trees and can't wait to try them.



All About Plants



We learnt lots about plants. We did some fun activities dissecting a plant and labelling the parts. Then we got to make our own plant and labelled this. We found out all about seed dispersal and the many ways seeds are dispersed. Seb, Wincent, Riley, Hani and Aarush.



It has been a fun-packed, busy first term for Year 3 as they started their journey at the Juniors. We are really pleased with how they have settled in. They have worked hard learning about: instruction writing, addition, subtraction, the Stone Age, plants, invasion games and much, much more! After Christmas, we look forward to learning even more as we move on to the Ancient Egyptians.

Thank you for your continued help and support this term.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas holiday.

The Year 3 Team.