

Stig of the Dump

Welcome back to a new school year! We started the year with a two week focus on the fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood . Children engaged in a range of Art and English activities to produce a magnificent corridor display. After this, we will commence our new topic which is 'Stig of the Dump'.

Mrs Brown, Miss Howie, Mr Tull and Mrs Tweed

English

We will begin by writing stories where we meet an interesting character as well as engaging in other writing genres throughout the term. There will be a heavy focus on developing our spelling, grammar and punctuation skills in Year 3, and we will continue with daily phonics activities.

Reading is a vital skill for learning at White Hall Academy. The best readers are those that read outside of school and talk about what they have read. Please continue to hear your child read daily, and remember to sign their reading log. Children can record any reading that they do in their reading logs, not just the book they bring home from school. This could be newspapers, magazines, websites, annuals and manuals.

Maths

Children will be encouraged to develop their 'mental maths' skills: learning number bonds , becoming more fluent with recognising place value as well as learning times tables to 12 off by heart. The children will be tested on their tables weekly. Maths is all around us in everyday life. Please help your child by reading the time, counting money and calculating change.

The Stone Age to the Iron Age

Children will be exploring what life was like and how it changed over the period we know as the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They will use a range of historical sources to investigate life. Later in the term, children will use scientific enquiry to explore light and how shadows are formed and how they change. They will also be investigating different rocks. Their studies will include a trip to broaden and deepen their knowledge.

'Learning to Learn' and 'Core Learning' Skills

We are continuing to promote all of the Growth Mindset skills which help us to learn: *determination, effort and never giving up!* Children will also develop a 'Core Learning' skill linked to *learning with others*.

Dates for the Diary

Individual Photographs—8th October

Termly Learning Conference — 8th November

Class 3B Assembly—24th November

PE Days

This could be any day of the week as our timetable has to be flexible so please can the children have their PE kit in school all week.

It is important your child has the correct PE kit in school every day. This is a white T-shirt, black shorts and jogging bottoms.

Long hair must be tied back and children must either be able to remove their own earrings, or earrings should be removed at home. Children wearing earrings will not be permitted to take part in PE or swimming.

Useful Websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

www.bbc.co.uk › Bitesize › KS2 › History › British History › Prehistoric

We are looking forward to a productive and exciting term. Please feel free to ask us if you would like any additional information.

Best Wishes

Mrs Brown

Miss Howie

Mr Tull

Mrs Tweed