



Kingfishers'

Ask Me About Newsletter



Autumn 2 2023

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After 14 weeks of year 3, we have got to the end of the Autumn term. I hope everyone has a well deserved break and a lovely Christmas, but first, here is a look at some of our learning from Autumn 2.

What have we been up to this half term?

English

Our checklist of year 3 skills has grown a lot this half term and we have produced some excellent writing. We started Autumn 2 by looking at *Poems Aloud* by Joseph Coelho, to which we practised reading some of his wonderful poems aloud to the class. By the end of the week, we had practised the skill of similes and had created a poem about bonfire night. Next, we moved onto a two-week look at *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield, for this book we practised the skills of a comma to list expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and verb tense. We definitely need to practise these a bit more, but we created a wonderful retell and some excellent setting descriptions. After that, we moved on to the biography of Mary Anning, for this piece of writing we expanded our use of subordinating conjunctions at the beginning of sentences to include 'while' and 'as'. Finally, we have

finished this term's unit of writing with a non-chronological report, all about the Stone Age to Iron Age.

Maths

In maths this half term, we have completed our addition and subtraction unit and are halfway through our first multiplication and division unit for the year. In addition and subtraction, we spent a very long time looking at the column method, this included a lot of practising and applying to different problems. We are getting there with this method! In multiplication and division, we start by looking at arrays and the differences between sharing and grouping, but ultimately we are learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science

In science this half term, we started off the term by looking at food waste and sustainability. Then we moved on to rocks! We have all really enjoyed this unit and have learnt about various different rocks such as: pumice, sandstone, granite, marble, chalk and



gneiss.

History

In history, we continued our topic learning on the Bronze Age and began to look at Merrivale and the Amesbury Archer. We then moved on to the Iron Age where we looked at hill forts and staters. We have finished this year by answering the question 'What are the similarities and differences between the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Ages?', for this we created a poster, or some of us created our own version of *A Street Through Time* and showed off how much we have learnt about this period of history.

DT

In DT we researched and learnt about the wheel and axle. We then began to design a vehicle of our own out of recycled materials. We all did an excellent job of making sure that our axle could rotate to allow our wheels to move. Here are some of our creations:



Thank you for everyone who brought in recycled materials, I appreciated it so much!
Especially all of the milk/bottle tops.

What are we up to next half term?

Our Topic will be changing to the Ancient Egyptians!

English

In English we will be looking at the following texts: *The Egyptian Cinderella*, *Ra - Creation story*, *The Way Home for Wolf*, *Superworm* and instructions for mummification.

- Possessive apostrophe
- Inverted commas at the start and end of speech
- Reporting clause at the end of speech
- Use a comma, an exclamation mark or a question mark before the closing inverted commas when the reporting clause is at the end of the speech.
- Use fronted adverbials (place) as sentence openers
- Organise similar ideas into paragraphs in non-fiction writing.
- Use a subheading to guide the reader.
- Change the place of the adverb in the sentence.

- Use short sentences to make key points.

Maths

In maths, we will finish our 3s, 4s, and 8s times tables, before looking at more written methods for multiplying and dividing 2 digit by 1 digit. Therefore, please keep on top of times tables and TTRS!

Science

In science, we will finish our unit on rocks and begin to look into fossils, what they are and how they are formed. After that, we are going to enquire into soils, including an investigation!

Other News

Year 3 will be starting swimming after half term, there has been letter sent out about swimming.

There has been a significant drop in reading diaries being filled in, please make sure you are reading with your child and you/your child is filling in the reading diary.

Kind regards,
Miss Johanson

Ongoing Learning	
Reading	Please read 5 times a week and write this in your Reading Diary.
Maths	We will be continuing the Mighty Multiples Challenges this year. Times Table Rock Star logins have gone out, please let Miss Johanson know if you require another username and password slip.
English	Weekly spellings
Topic	The children will receive HVPs for their efforts, so please encourage them to have a go at this.