

Autumn Term- How to help your child with Reading.

By the end of this term, your child is expected to: develop a positive attitude to reading, understand what they have read and be able to explain it, read a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally, predict what might happen from details stated and implied.

You can help your child by: asking your child questions about the book to improve their understanding, encouraging your child to take part in the summer reading challenge at Essex libraries. <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Autumn Term- How to help your child with Writing.

By the end of this term your child is expected to: spell prefixes (unhappy) and suffixes (excitable) and understand how to add them, use speech punctuation and apostrophes for possession (Liam's) throughout their writing, discuss and record ideas, organising paragraphs around a theme, begin to proof read their work ensuring it makes sense.

You can help your child by testing them on their spellings, writing sentences with each of the spelling words as well as using capital letters and full stops appropriately.

Autumn Term - How to help your child with Maths.

By the end of this term, your child is expected to: know 2, 5, 3 and 10 times tables, tell the time at o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to intervals, add a three digit number to a single digit (e.g. $324 + 7 =$)

You can help your child by

- buying a watch and asking them the time at regular intervals using time websites -

<http://www.teachingtime.co.uk/>

- using the Times Table Rock Stars feature on our school website

- asking your child to mentally add up. (eg: shops, pocket money).
- Use your Mathletics account to practise anything you feel could help you next year!

Homework

Please remember that homework is an essential part of the children's learning and it is important that they complete it at home. Homework is given out every Friday and needs to be handed in on Wednesday.

Homework Club is run after school every Tuesday afternoon from 3.15- 4.15pm

Stone Age to Iron Age



Autumn Term Year 3

Background Information on Topic

We will be learning about prehistoric Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This is an exciting time in pre-history starting when the sea-levels rose, cutting off Britain from mainland Europe. We will explore the lives of the early Neolithic Stone Age settlers, follow their development into metal-workers in the Bronze Age and Iron Age, and study Celtic life right up to the Roman invasion.

Launch Day

On Monday 10th September, we will be having our launch day. This is where the children are introduced to their topic in an exciting and inspirational way. In order to bring the varied history of the era to life, we would like the children to dress up as either:

- A child from the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age.
- A Stone Age hunter
- A farmer from a Celtic Settlement
- A Celtic Warrior

Visit

This year we have arranged a visit to Epping Forest District Museum. We are asking for a contribution of £3 per child, towards the cost of the workshop. If you have any concerns about the payment or use of SIMS Agora please let the office know. We have booked two sessions so that all the children get to handle the exhibits in more depth. Chestnut class will be leaving school at 9:00am (to start at 10:00), Elm class will be leaving school at 11:30am (to start at 12:30). The trip is booked for Wednesday 19th September 2018.

PE

All children are required to have the correct -PE kit in school for the whole week as PE happens on different days throughout the week.

Indoor PE Kit: plain black shorts, plain white t-shirt*

Outdoor PE Kit: plain grey tracksuit, plain white t-shirt, outdoor trainers, socks

*These items with the school logo can be bought from school office.

**Important
DATE!**

Key Dates for Autumn Term

Monday 3rd September 2018—Inset day

Tuesday 4th September 2018 – Inset day

Wednesday 5th September 2018 – First day back at School

Thursday 6th September 2018—Meet the Teacher 5.00pm

Monday 10th September 2018- Launch day

22nd - 26th October - HALF TERM

Wednesday 19th Sep 2018—Trip to Epping Forest District Museum

Wednesday 19th December 2018- Last day of term.

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Books to read

We would like the children to carry on reading over the summer. There are lots of non fiction books on the Stone Age and a few fiction ones.

We will be learning about the fiction ones such as 'Ug' and 'Stone Age Boy' in school so please avoid these. :-)



Ideas for Launch Day

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/celts/factfile/clothes.shtml>

http://www.ancientcraft.co.uk/Archaeology/stone-age/stoneage_living.html

Please do not spend a lot of money on your child's outfit: most can be made/found from items around the home.

