

Reading Diaries

Your child's reading diary will be checked and signed. It is an expectation that your child is reading for **10-20 minutes each day**. It is most important that your child reads **EVERY DAY**.

Reading every day gives children the much needed opportunity to practise reading with fluency and expression. It is also important to ask them lots of questions after reading so they develop their comprehension skills.

Reading is the key to developing writing, spelling and vocabulary skills. **We can't stress this enough.** Please see your child's class teacher if your child is not doing this



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly, via the school office or the home diary.



Trips

During the term there will be class trips to enrich and support the work your child is doing in class. If you can come with us on any school trip this is greatly appreciated.



It is lovely to have parents/carers with us and I know it adds a boost to your child's day too.



If you would like to volunteer to come on a trip please tick the box on the permission slip, or speak directly to me.



Useful Websites:

These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:

www.mathletics.co.uk
www.topmarks.co.uk
www.history.org.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/history
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11



Betty Layward Primary School Year 3 Class Newsletter Spring 2 - 2017

Welcome to the final half of the Spring Term!

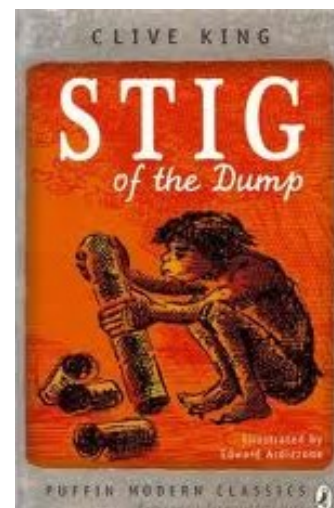
We had a great Spring 1 term. Thank you for all your support.

We have another very busy term ahead of us.

If you would like to speak to us or if you wish to make an appointment please let us know. We look forward to meeting with you all at parent's evening to discuss your child's progress.

Jacqui, Ed, Carly & Bibi

This half term our topic is:
The Stone Age!



We will be finding out about life in Britain during the Stone Age.

Announcements

- **Wow day:** Monday 27th February (dress up)
- **Library Emerald:** Thursdays
- **Library Jade:** Mondays
- **Art with Kelly:** Emerald & Jade Tuesdays
- **Ciaran Murtagh author visit in school:**
Wednesday 1st March
- **World Book Day:** Thursday 2nd March
(dress up as your favourite book character)
- **Parents Evening:** Thursday 16th March
- **Sports Relief:** Friday 17th March
- **Stoke Newington Bookshop visit:** Monday 20th
March
- **Museum of London Stone Age workshop in school:** Wednesday 22nd March

PE:

P.E will continue on **Fridays**.



It is essential that your child has their kit each week. A note will be sent home if your child does not have the correct PE kit. For reasons of Health and Safety, pupils will not be able to participate in PE lessons if they do not have their full PE kit.

History

Our History topic this half term will involve learning about life in Britain in the Stone Age.

We will be:

- Placing key events on a timeline.
- Finding out how people lived during the Stone Age.
- Learning about a Neolithic settlement called Skae Brae
- Finding out why Stonehenge is so important.



English

We will be:

- Writing persuasive letters
- Reading the novel 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King.
- Writing a play-script.
- Writing poems.



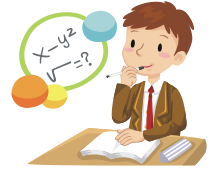
Maths

We will be learning about:

- Statistics
- Multiplication and division
- Money
- Time
- Four operations/ problem solving

⇒ There will be a focus on learning our **3x, 4x, 8x** tables off by heart.

It is vital that the children are confident with these facts so they can move onto the inverse division calculations next term.



Why is the Stone Age called the Stone Age?

Homework

Homework will be **given out on Thursday** to be **done by Tuesday**. **Spellings** will be sent home weekly and need to be practiced for a spelling test every Friday. You could help your child learn these words by making flashcards and testing at home. **Times tables** and **Rainbow Facts** need to be revised regularly as these will be tested on Fridays too!

Homework will link to either English, Maths or Topic subjects. We will endeavour to create homework that practices skills being taught that week at school, to consolidate what they have learned.

For those with access to a computer/ iPad at home, there will be Maths homework set on **Mathletics**. All students have been given their login details to access the website (which will be glued in the back of their homework books). Mathletics certificates will be given out at the end of each week.

Mathletics