

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 us directly, via the school office or the home diary.



Trips

During the term there are often 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 are able to volunteer for any trip please tick the box on the permission slip, or speak directly to one of us.



Useful Websites:

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

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#

Please remember to monitor your child whenever they use the internet.



Betty Layward Primary School Year 3 Class Newsletter Spring 2 - 2018

Welcome to the final half of the Spring Term!

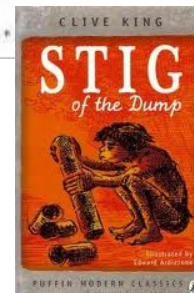
We had a great Spring 1 term. Thank you for all your support.

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 & Shabana

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 26th February (dress up)
- **Library Emerald:** Fridays
- **Library Jade:** Wednesdays
- **Chess:** Tuesdays
- **World Book Day:** Thursday 1st March (dress up as your favourite book character)
- **Museum of London Stone Age workshop in school:** Wednesday 7th March
- **Parents Evening:** Thursday 8th March
- **Sports Relief:** Friday 23rd March

PE



P.E will continue on **Wednesdays**.

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.

Science

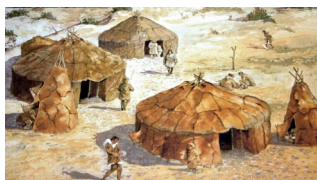
We will be investigating:

- Skeletons and muscles, how they support, protect and help us move
- Whether people who do more sport have stronger muscles



History

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



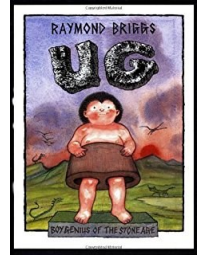
We will be:

- Placing key events on a timeline.
- Archaeologists for a day and dig up Stone Age artefacts.
- Learning about what Stone Age art can tell us about their lives.
- Finding out how they hunted for food.

English

We will be:

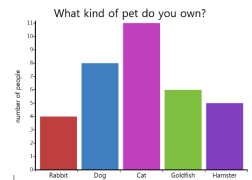
- Exploring fiction inspired by the Stone Age.
- Letter writing in character.
- Researching Stone Age facts
- Holding a debate centred on "Stone Age-Fact vs Fiction".



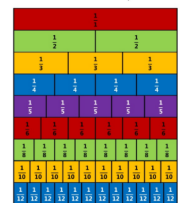
Maths

We will be learning about:

- **Graphs**
 - how to construct picture graphs from data
 - to read and interpret information from a bar graph
- **Fractions**
 - counting using fractions
 - adding and subtracting fractions
 - comparing fractions
 - finding fractions of an amount.



Fraction Wall



⇒ We still focus on learning our **3x, 4x, 8x** tables off by heart with their corresponding division facts.

It is vital that the children are confident with

Why is the Stone Age called the Stone Age?

Homework

Homework and a list of spelling words will be given out **every second Friday**. The words need to be practiced for a spelling test each Friday that homework is due. We will also have a times tables quiz on that Friday.



Homework will link to either English or Maths. We will endeavour to create homework that practices skills being taught that week at school, to consolidate what they have learned. Each holiday we will give a home project related to our upcoming Topic.