

**Year 3 Summer 2 2025 Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow. Hasn't this year flown by! We are now into the final half term of the year. I hope you've all had a wonderful break. We have some exciting lessons this term, including a visit, which I will explain further in this newsletter. This term will also see the return of history and design & technology.

Our English lessons will be linked to two more fantastic books this term. Our first book is called 'Our Tower' by Joseph Coelho and Richard Johnson. This stunning picture book is going to be the foundations of an extended fantasy narrative. We will also be writing dialogue and letters of thanks this term. Our second book, 'The first Drawing', is closely linked to our history topic this term (stone, iron and bronze ages). This book will be the basis of a history narrative along with a diary entry, character description and recount.

As a reminder, it is beneficial to listen to your child read to you regularly for their development of fluency and comprehension skills. This vital support clearly enhances the progress children make so please keep it up!

In maths, throughout Summer 2, we will focus on the time, properties of shape and statistics. In time, we will be looking at units of time and problem solving. In properties and shape, we will be focusing on comparing angles, parallel and perpendicular lines & recognising and describing 2-D and 3-D shapes. In statistics we are drawing and interpreting pictograms, bar charts and two-way tables. We will also continue to use 'Times Table Rockstars' as well as 'Hit the Button' to support the children's learning of their times tables.

We have a fantastic term ahead of us in our history with our new topic 'Who first lived in Britain?' Throughout this topic, we will be exploring the important changes to the life of humans from their arrival in Britain (estimated 700,000 BCE) until the end of the Iron Age in 43 CE. This includes how farming was invented (using tools and domesticated animals for the first time) and how settlements have changed from living in caves to the early formation of society. **The 10<sup>th</sup> July, will see Class 3 visiting Creswell Crags to explore caves and the survival skills performed by cavemen in the Stone Age.**

In science, we are continuing to study plants. During this half term, we will be looking at the life cycle of plants and how they use germination and pollination to ensure their survival.

In DT, we are going to be using pneumatics. We will discover how we can use air (pneumatic) and/or oil (hydraulic) to create movement and design a mascot with moving parts. Our mascots will be based upon countries in this year's Women's Rugby World Cup which are being held in September. **If you could please donate**

