



Hickling Curriculum Newsletter~ Autumn 2

Dear Parents

Apologies for the late delivery of this curriculum newsletter~ hope it finds you all well. As, hopefully, you all know this half term we are exploring life in England from the Stone Age to Iron Age. The children enjoyed the trip to Flag Fen where they were able to see prehistoric artefacts as well as a 4000 year old causeway and long boat. We were also fortunate to have a visit from Mr. Jarrett with some of the prehistoric finds he has made.

Here is some information about what the children will be learning this half term:

<p>English We will continue to learn phonics and reading through Read Write Inc. Children will bring home spellings to learn each week. As part of the Primary Writing Project the children are developing their story telling and writing skills. We will focus on recount writing and developing our GPS skills.</p>	<p>Maths In Maths we are using White Rose Maths resources. The children will continue to develop their addition and subtraction skills and begin to explore multiplication and division. Mathletics is a great way to practice the skills learned in class and develop rapid recall of number bonds and times tables.</p>	<p>Science We are focusing on Healthy Eating this half term. We will be comparing our diet to that of prehistoric people. We will also be food tasting and working out what is a healthy portion and what could be included in our 5 a day.</p>	<p>Music The children will have an hour of music with Ms. Owen-Smith. This will be singing and percussion based on the requirements of the National Curriculum. This term they will be adding sound effects to stories as well as learning their songs for the Christmas performance.</p>
<p>Topic: Prehistoric England We will be exploring life in England during the prehistoric period (about 350, 000 years ago up to about 800 BC). We will be doing lots of work to ensure the children have a clear understanding of the chronological order of the three main periods (Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age). The children will have hands on experience of prehistoric artefacts and will create replicas from clay to share with you at our class museum.</p>			

Helpful Websites

Lots of you have expressed an interest in websites that can be useful to support your children's learning at home on the internet.

Maths

www.mathletics.co.uk

Reading

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Writing & GPS (Grammar Punctuation & Spelling)

www.spag.com

Topic related

historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/education/teaching-activities/timeline-stone-age-to-iron-age

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zg8q2hv>

Books and Book Bags

Thank you for reading with your children and writing a comment in their reading records. It is very important that your child is reading every day. The children can change their books as soon as they have read them.

We will also be using the school library each week and the children will be choosing a book that interests them and bringing it home to share. These might not be books that the children can read independently, or, especially in the case of non-fiction books, ones that they want to read all of. Please help the children develop a love of reading by sharing these books with them, talking about why they chose them and then letting them return the books when they are ready.

P.E Kits

We plan to have PE. on Thursday and Friday but please send the PE kits in on Monday and allow your child to leave their kit in school all week as they may need to do PE at different times to their usual lesson. The children will have PE outside on both days.

Details of PE kits are on the school website.

The children will also be completing the 'Daily Mile Challenge' each day.

Snacks

A piece of fruit at morning break. Y2 are allowed to take a piece from the school fruit bowl, Y3 should bring in fruit from home.

Drinks

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle. Milk that is ordered with school dinners will be given to children at morning break. Water will be the only drink provided at lunchtime.

Trip/Visit

- 9 November: Flag Fen
- 14 November: Mr. Jarrett and his prehistoric finds
- 19 December: Pantomime~ Sleeping Beauty

Church Restoration work

- Dig it Day~ 1st December

I hope that this information is useful, if you have any questions please do come and talk to us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 2/3 Team

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