



In the Beginning...

We have had such an amazing second half of our first ever term and continue to be so proud of the children and all of their amazing achievements.



We began our new topic, 'In the beginning...', with amazing cave painting creations. The children told stories through their artwork and this was a real hook into our learning. Our writing has been inspired by 'Stone Age Boy', 'Ug – boy genius of the Stone Age' and 'The Secrets of Stonehenge' where we have written descriptive pieces as well as producing informative non-fiction pages. The children acted as excellent school representatives at our school open morning and evening, where we had over 50 families come to visit our school.



After giving speeches and holding a class election, Asif and Eliona were voted to be our class representatives in the school council. A big well done to them both! A real highlight of the half term was spending the whole day at the Secondary School, where the children got creative and made their designs a reality by upcycling unwanted items. Some of them didn't quite



go as planned but the children reflected upon this and learnt lots from the project. The children have made real progress when learning written methods for addition and subtraction and our times table recall has been strengthened through our weekly sessions with Year 7.

Our visit from Mo and one of the robots from Starship Technologies led to the classroom being filled with squeals of excitement as the robot made its way around and opened up its lid for us to see inside. It was a real community effort when we planted the trees kindly gifted to us by The Woodland Trust. Thank you



to everyone who brought along their spade and got involved! The children

made beautiful baubles for our first ever Christmas tree and we have been amazed once again by the high standard of homework produced by the children – we can see they were very inspired by our topic. To bring the term to a close, we performed our 'Fabulous Finish Assembly'. The children worked very hard to learn their lines and say them with clarity and confidence. All in all, a VERY busy half term! We

hope all of the children have a well-earned rest over the holidays.

Manners Curriculum – The children have continued to embrace our weekly manners focus. Numerous visitors have commented on their excellent manners and growing confidence, especially when we show off our handshakes and eye contact! All the children strive to try their very best and are such proud members of our school community.



Reminders for next half term:

School Uniform

- **Plain black tights or white socks** with skirts / **Plain black socks** with trousers
- Hair bands should be **black, white or maroon**
- Sensible flat black shoes (no boots that exceed ankle height)
- Please can all items be **named** (including coats / PE kit and bag)
- Please check PE Kits contain the following items ready for next half term:
 - Black plimsolls or suitable trainers
 - Maroon shadow stripe shorts
 - Round necked plain white T shirt
 - A plain navy or black tracksuit (for outdoor sports)
 - Plain white / black socks(No earrings to be worn during PE lessons)

PE Days - Wednesday and Thursday (please can PE kits be in school each day)

Water bottles to be brought into school each day – water only please

Healthy snacks for break times – e.g. fruit, cereal bar

How you can help at home:

- Remember to keep reading regularly at home. Sharing stories as a family, reading independently or as a pair are all valuable opportunities.
- Keep practising times tables to strengthen recall.
- Revisit words found tricky during the half term and revise common exception words (can be found on the Year 3 Word Work Page of the website)

**Thank you for your continued support.
Have a wonderful Christmas break!**

