

Friday 12th February 2021

We have reached the end of term 3 and what a term it has been! Between us all, we have learnt to navigate our way around Google Classroom and find a whole new way of working. What has been really lovely this lockdown is that, due to using Google Classroom, we have been able to continue our curriculum and learn what we would have been learning had we have been in school. No one can deny that this way of working though brings fatigue and the children (and adults) all deserve a well-earned rest and break.

Looking ahead to term 4, we will be starting back on Monday 22nd February with a slightly revised timetable. On Tuesdays, Miss Sargent (year 4 TA) will be running online dance classes. She is offering these to all Key Stage Two classes and our time is 10.00-10.45am. The session will be via zoom (the link will appear on the stream that day) and it will be for all of year 3. The children should be dressed appropriately and have room to move. We do ask that the children stay on mute for these sessions unless directly told to unmute themselves.

Our topic next term is the Stone Age and we will be starting a new book. I know that many of the children really enjoyed the text from this term and I am sure they will equally enjoy this one. Should you wish to purchase a copy for your child the text is "The Wild Way Home" by Sophie Kirtley. There is absolutely no obligation to buy a copy but I know lots of children like to have their own copy when reading in class.

We will be doing science on the first day back. There are not too many items needed for this session: coloured pencils, a glass bowl, cornflour, food colouring and some water.

The daily zoom meetings will continue after half term as this has really helped to make the children feel connected to each other and us.

Finally, thank you to all those parents who have given feedback to us. We really do appreciate it and it really makes our day. We know we have not always got it right and there have been times when the technology has not been our friend, but you have stuck with us as we have learnt to resolve these problems and we feel the children are doing well with their learning as a result. We really have been blown away by some of the things they have achieved this term.

Have a wonderful half term break

Mrs Webber and the Year 3 team