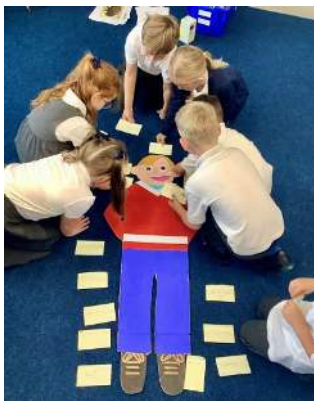


Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter

Well... what a hectic start to term we've had. Year 3 have lunched themselves into their new curriculum with enthusiasm and vigour. I'm so proud of them all! Here are just a few of the things we've been doing so far this term.



Flat Stanley



In English we've been reading the book, Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. We are learning how to write effective story openings and used the opening of Flat Stanley as our model text. We were quite excited on the first day back to come into our classroom and discover a life size Flat Stanley lying on our carpet. We made our own Flat Stanley and sent him to friends and family who live in different places. We can't wait until they come back and tell us about their visit. We're learning about different places in the UK in Geography.

Stone Age

Our first History topic is the Stone Age. We had a wonderful workshop with the Wilderness Explorers who came to our school and taught us all about daily life in the Stone Age. We learned to cook a type of Stone Age bread after making our own fire. We had a go at building shelters out of sticks and animal skins.

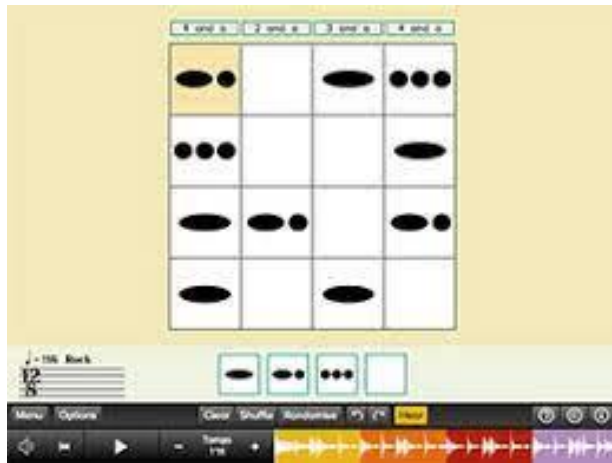


Music and Art

We are enjoying our arts subjects. In art (after we had a go at cave painting) we experimented with different types of lines. We are going to create a picture in the style of Julian Opie. We have been studying the composer, Beethoven, in Music. We listened to his 9th Symphony and picked out all the instruments. We learned to sing a Conganese song called Si Si Si, and had a go at composing some electronic rhythms using Music Explorer.

Book Fair

We had a good time last week at the school's Book Fair. We were able to bring in our parents to help us choose a book, and we also visited with our class.



Mrs McTavy takes us for PE and Science. We are learning to play football and hockey and have been looking at plants. Last week we made grass seed heads out of a pair of old tights. We are waiting to see if they will grow hair. (Thanks to all the mums and nanas who donated pairs of tights...)



RE

We are learning about homes and families in RE lessons. We've had some lovely discussions about what makes a house a home and what we do to look after our family. We care for our school family very much and we're always trying to do our best in the classroom and in the playground. We really are a friendly bunch!