

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Autumn Term



Well... it has certainly been a busy term in Year 3. We began our Stone Age topic in September with a Stone Age workshop held outdoors. We had a fabulous time. We learned how Stone Age people would have made fires and even had a go at making one ourselves. We made bread and cooked it over our fire – it didn't taste very much like bread though!

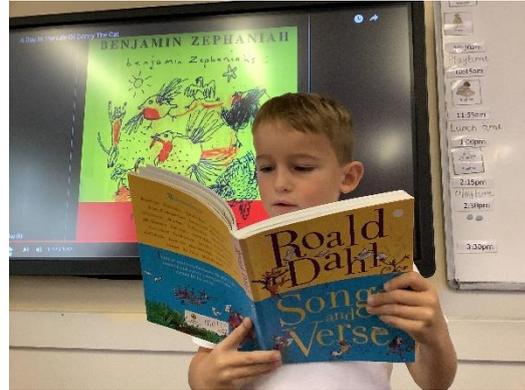
In the afternoon we had a go at making our own shelters. We learned that early Stone Age people were nomadic (they move around to wherever food is) and they took their homes with them.

In PE we have been learning dance and gymnastics with Mr Warnock. We have enjoyed learning different types of roll. Some of us can even cartwheel!



Our Geography topic this term is all to do with 'our place in the world.' In English we read the book Flat Stanley and found out that Stanley was able to fold himself up and post himself to other countries. We made paper pictures of ourselves and posted them to friends in different countries. When our 'Flat Me' arrived home we brought it into school and looked at where it had travelled on a map. We are getting quite good at identifying the countries. One of us even travelled to Australia!

English lessons have been fun. We have studied the books *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth* and *Stone Age Boy*. We have written some great instructions and information texts and we really enjoyed studying the poet, Benjamin Zephaniah, during Poetry Week. For National Poetry Day, our whole school created a 'Mile of Poetry.' (Well... it may not have quite been a mile – but it did reach most of the way down the playground.) We read *Malala's Magic Pencil* during Black History Month. We learned about how the girls in Afghanistan suffered unfair treatment and we imagined what we would draw if we had a magic pencil of our own.



In music we have studied rhythm and blues music and we are currently learning to play the glockenspiel. We have learned to improvise on our glockenspiels and Mrs Squares said we sounded 'just delightful.' We are learning some Christmas songs, ready to be recorded for the South Shields Civic Carol Service.



Our RE lessons have covered topics on Homes, Promises and Visitors. We made our own Jesse Tree and we are going to hang the symbols on it during advent. We have planned two of our own reflections and written some lovely prayers. During the COP26 Climate Change conference, we took part in Cafod's 'Eyes of the World' campaign and created posters to send to the Prime Minister. We all made climate change pledges that are on display in the corridor.

In art we made Stone Age deer-tooth necklaces and painted our classroom wall to look like the inside of a cave. We produced an artist study on Vincent van Gogh and replicated his famous painting *Sunflowers*. In DT we made our own photograph frames, looking carefully at the structure in order to make it stand. We are going to give them to our families at Christmas.

