

FOUNTAINS'

NEWSLETTER.

Welcome back, we hope you had a fantastic Christmas and very best wishes for 2020. Many thanks for all the lovely cards and gifts you gave us, they were very much appreciated.

Our **topic** for this half term will be **Changes from Stone Age to Iron Age**. We will be looking at hunter-gatherers and early farming. Our class book will be Stone Age boy by Satoshi Kitamura.

In **English** the emphasis will be story writing, focusing on settings, characters and plot. Year 2 will focus on a range of punctuation; year 3 will focus on paragraphs and speech punctuation.

In **Maths** we will be finishing work on fractions. Both year groups will then do some work on statistics. Please continue to work on times tables at home we do use them in lots of areas of maths. If children are secure with times tables they need to know related division facts. For example 6 multiplied by 5 is 30 and 30 divided by 5 is 6. Year 2s need to focus on 2, 5 and 10 times tables and year 3s need to focus on 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Our **Science** topic will be Rocks; we will be looking where different rock is found and how it is made. We will then be grouping rocks into different categories according to their properties. Later in the term we will be learning how fossils are formed.

In **RE** the focus will be what makes Jesus an inspiration to some people?

The focus for **Art and design technology** will be 3D objects and cave painting. This will link to our topic.

The children will need **PE** kits in school on a Tuesday and Thursday. PE will largely be outdoors so please make sure children have a warm kit.

We will change reading books for year 2s on a Monday and Thursday. Year 3 children and year 2s when ready are encouraged to change their own books when necessary.

Spellings will be given out on a Tuesday. We do work on these spellings in class but children are also encouraged to take them home to learn in readiness for the weekly test.

If you have anything to discuss with us regarding your child please pop in and see us after school.

Here's to a fun and exciting half term

Mrs Wells and Ms Gauder.

January 2020.