



Orca Class

Year 3/4

Autumn Term 2022



Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable half term. We are looking forward to another exciting half term leading up to Christmas!

In topic, this half term we are continuing our journey through time – we have explored the Stone Age, so it is now time to enter the Bronze Age, before finishing our adventures in the Iron Age. It has been so lovely to see how much the children have enjoyed our topic and we cannot wait to get started with the next steps!

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. Plastic 750ml max bottles with sports caps are preferred. These will all be kept in a tray at the front of the classroom during the day and go home at the end of each day to be cleaned and replenished.

PE

Orca class will have PE on *Monday* and *Thursday* afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in the correct kit, this includes: *Black shorts, red t-shirt, black trainers and a black tracksuit* - please choose according to the weather as all PE lessons will take part outside.

Please make sure **ALL** items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Art Supplies and Donations

This half term, we will be learning how to sew in our Art and DT sessions.

We would be grateful for any donations, if possible, of white linen fabrics and old pillows (for the stuffing). Please bring these in if you are able to donate anything of the sort. Thank you so much!!

Communication

For any parent-staff communication please use class dojo, it provides a more private platform to communicate as the children have access to SeeSaw and posts on SeeSaw are often shared on the whiteboard with the whole class.

SeeSaw is great for the children to post their own interests and pictures that they wish to share with the class, it is used as our 'Show and Tell' platform.

For class updates, these will be sent via the office through text or email, on an 'Orca Announcement' slip or via Dojo messages.

Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Friday. Homework needs to be completed and returned by the following Thursday. We regularly set homework online in Orca class, if your child cannot access online homework please let us know and we can arrange for paper copies to be sent home.

Reading Books and Library

In Orca class, we encourage the children to become more independent readers. They will be asked to fill in their own reading records when they read at school. The children will come home with two books - one book will correspond with their Phonics group and the other will be a free choice library book.

Library sessions will take place on a *FRIDAY* - Library books must be returned before they can choose a new book. Any changes to library days will be passed on.



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