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## Year 3

# Autumn Term 2021

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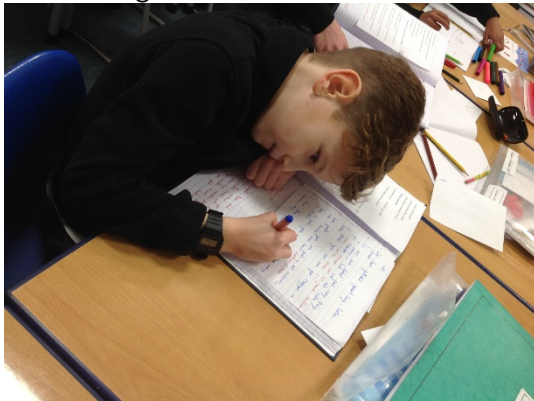
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## English

In English this term, Year 3 have really enjoyed listening to their class reading books: *Fing* by David Walliams, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and also the traditional story of *Hansel and Gretel* re-written by Anthony Browne.

Later the children analysed the words that the Anthony Browne used, such as adjectives, verbs, adverbs. Then the children learned to write descriptive passages using their own exciting vocabulary.

Year 3 have been learning how to mark and edit their written work, using dictionaries to edit spelling to find the meaning of words and work with a partner to suggest improvements to their writing.



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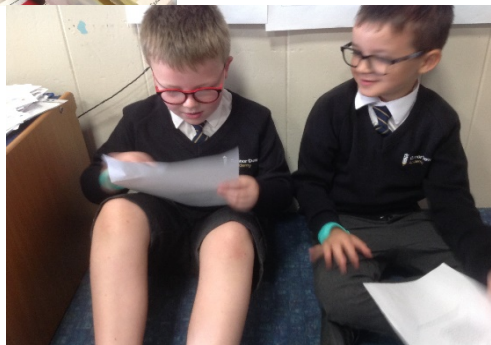
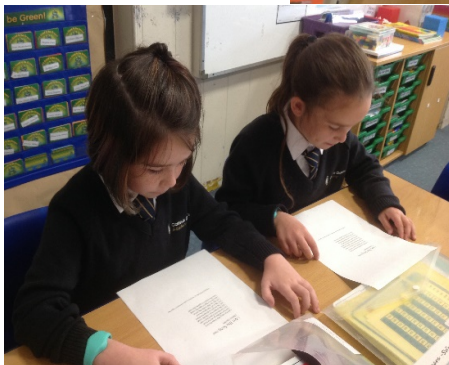
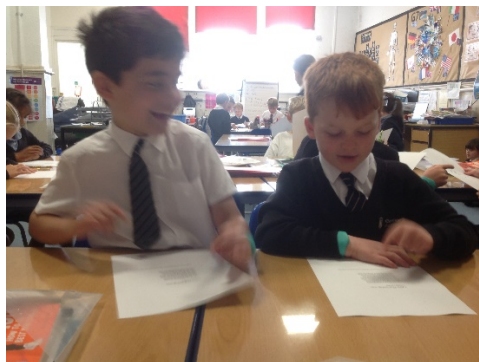


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The children loved reading the words and imagery in a poem called Candle Flame by Pie Corbett and also a poem by Cornish poet Charles Causley called I am the song. The children showed real enthusiasm when reciting the poem out aloud on National Poetry Day.



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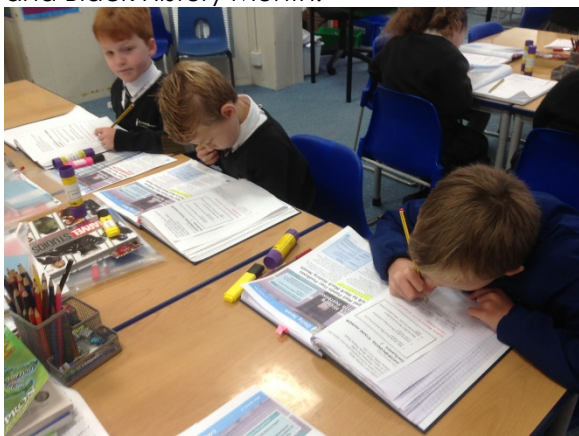
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Year 3 class, really show enthusiasm for reading comprehension they have read and answered questions on a range of texts from Healthy eating, The Human body, Anti Bullying and Black History Month.



Our History theme linked to our learning about Stone age life and the Stone age village called Skara Brae has really engaged the children's interest.

It has been fantastic to see them acquiring knowledge and using new challenging vocabulary such as Neolithic, Mesolithic in their answers.

The children have been learning how to include new technical words and challenging vocabulary in recounts and explanations. The class had great experience learning about the life of a Stone Age hunter gatherers and how they would search for food such as dandelions, nettles and seeds.



**Nettle**



It can be used to make tea.  
It can make nettle soup.  
It can also be used as a medicine. They can be harvested in the spring.

**Blackberries**



Blackberries contain vitamin C and they can be harvested in autumn.

**Dandelion**



Dandelions are high in vitamin C.  
The best time to gather them is in spring.





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The children were thrilled to participate as an audience for the M and M productions: Wizard of Oz. On return to class the children learnt how to use a box up plan to write notes about the show the following lesson involved writing a recount of the exciting performance.

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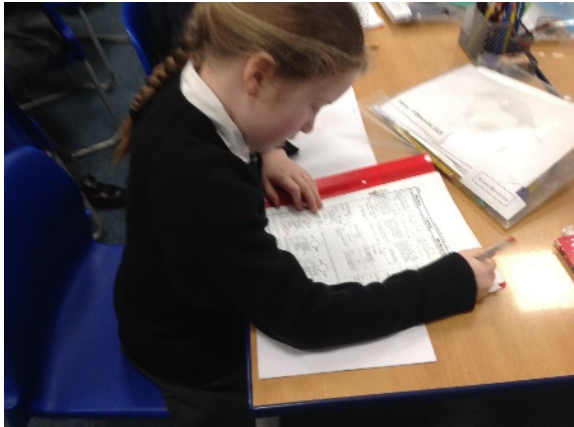
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## Maths



Maths begins the day's learning in year 3, the children love working on Spiral maths as they arrive in the morning.

During Spiral Maths the children revise facts that appear in the main White Rose lesson. Year 3 are keen to answer questions and share their calculations.



In White Rose maths we have explored using visual images of place value counters, Base 10, and number lines to deepen the children's knowledge before learning how to add ones, tens, and hundreds to a 3-digit number.

Later in the term year 3 learned how to add and subtract using the written column method. The children have developed their skills and knowledge in writing numbers in ODOS, (one digit in one square) really helped us

to get the correct answers.

In multiplication the children have been revising their knowledge of 2-, 5- and 10-times table before learning the x3 x4 and X8 tables. They have learned how to use a multiplication square to support their answers. The children show great enthusiasm for learning their times tables on TT Rock stars and Sumdog.

Our new daily timetable books have been a great hit with the children. We began with multiplication and division facts for the 10 times tables it is great to hear the class chant the tables out loud.

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## History,

The theme 'Set in Stone' has provided a brilliant learning experience for Year 3. The children have enjoyed learning about the stone age period through reading comprehensions and a range of art and design activities. The children discovered how stone age man made tools to kill and eat their prey. They learned how different types of houses were discovered by archaeologists. They enjoyed looking at the clothes worn during the stone age period. A highlight of the term was our visit to Penlee Museum where the children took part in a workshop handling replicas of iron age tools and observing artefacts found in West Cornwall. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their own stone age clay pot and bronze badge.



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This term, Year 3 have focussed on local human geography seeing how settlements have developed. Linked to the theme 'Set in Stone', the children have used maps to locate Connor Downs and Penzance, they used coordinates to locate ancient sites such as Carn Euny and Chysauster. The children also located the names of European countries when reading an atlas.



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P.E has certainly been a highlight this term in Year 3. The children have had a series of swimming lessons at St Ives Swimming Pool. It has been great to see how the children have progressed during their time in the water.

We have had the opportunity to work with a cricket coach each week for our P.E sessions this half term. The children were taught the basic skills of batting, bowling, and fielding. The children took part in fun, practical team games each week.

In November we had the exciting opportunity to visit Savvy Dance Studio in Hayle. The children enjoyed a range of activities to use their bodies in different dance moves. The children spent time learning different dance moves ready to perform at the end of the session.



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The children have learnt about how animals and humans survive and stay healthy and what makes a healthy, balanced diet. They have learnt about the nutrients that different foods provide and how these nutrients help our bodies. They have also explored how different animals eat different types of foods and need different proportions of nutrients. They have shown an understanding of what food labels on packaging show and have gathered information from food labels to help them to answer questions.

Also, this term the children have explored the different types of skeletons that animals have. We have learnt the names of bones in the human body and thoroughly enjoyed carrying out an investigation to explore if people with longer femurs jump further. We discussed how to plan a fair test and measure and record accurately. Children have learnt about how our muscles help us to move and how bones and muscles work together.



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## R.E

At the beginning of the Autumn term the children looked at the Creation Story. The children retold the story practically during a drama lesson. This was then followed up by sequencing the story in their books for a writing task.

Throughout the second half of the Autumn term in Year 3 we have explored Judaism. The children have learnt about the key aspects of the Jewish faith. We have worked creatively to enhance our learning experience. The children began by learning about where Judaism originated. We then explored special places linked to Judaism and about key festivals in the Jewish life. The children also enjoyed drawing and sketching Judaism symbols.

## Art and Design

Year 3 went back even further in history, to the Stone Age. During their visit to Penlee Museum the children looked at the different designs on Iron and Bronze Age coins found in West Cornwall. They recreated the designs using simple ideas such as leaf patterns, animal shapes and spirals. Then the children copied their design on very thin copper to make an Iron Age style badge.



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In preparation for the Christmas fayre Year 3 have enjoyed making their unique Christmas decorations. The children sketched Christmas pictures in their sketch books and then in black pen copied their finished design on the wooden decoration. To finish our designs, we decorated with glitter. Christmas is not complete without a little bit of glitter.

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As part of our R.E topic of the Creation Story the children thoroughly enjoyed creating a collage from the story. The children included animals, humans, plants and many more aspects from the story.

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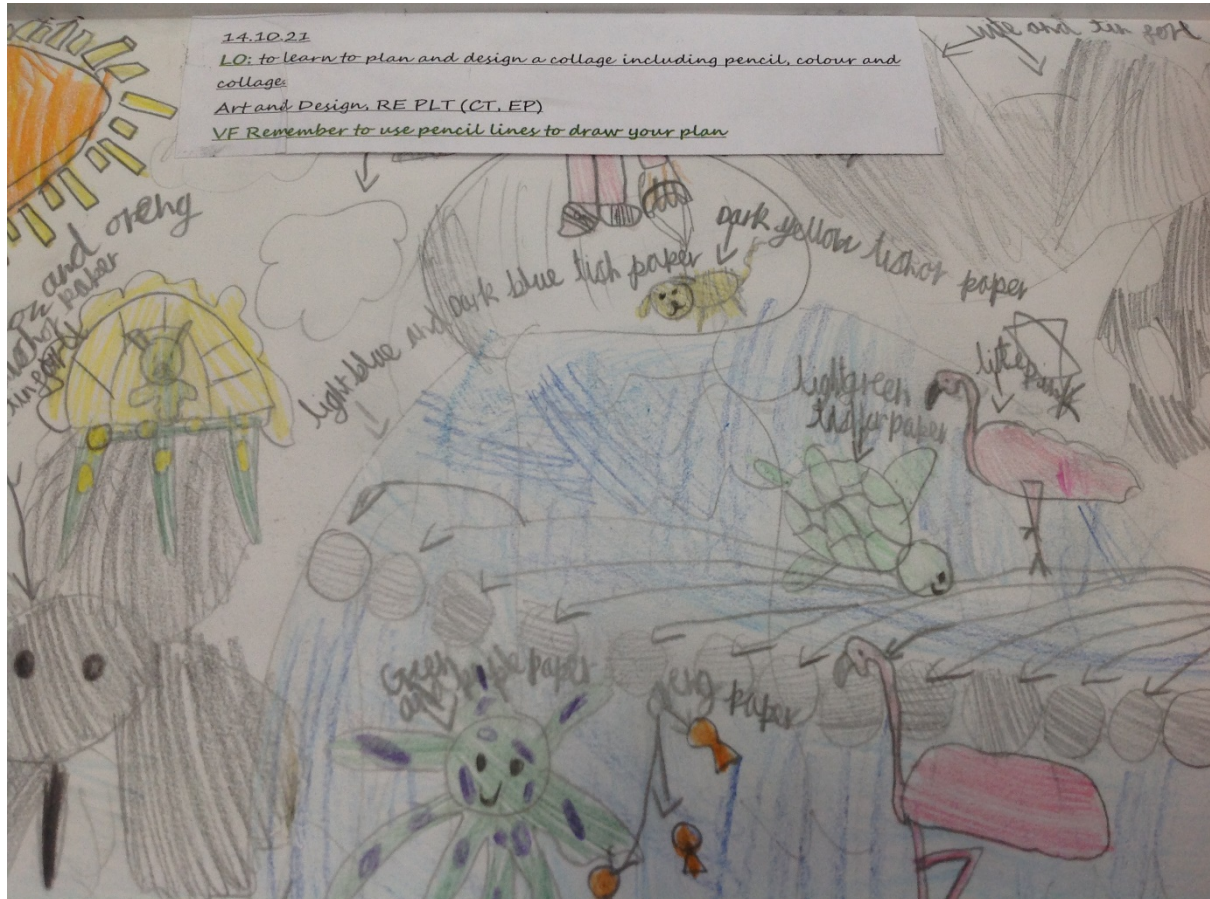




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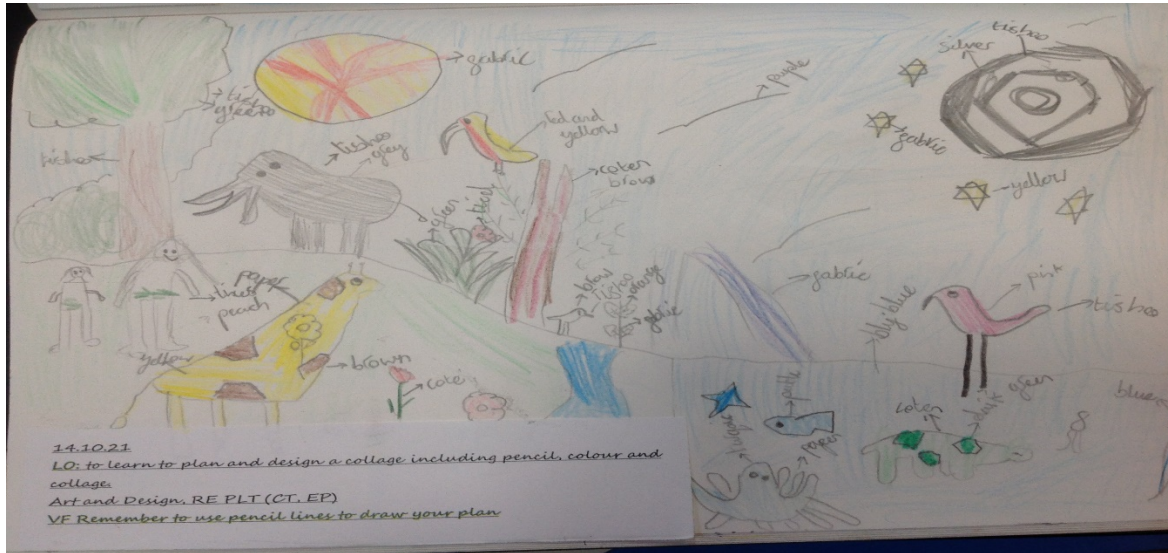
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## Computing

This term we have focussed on the importance of Internet Safety. The children have developed the skill, knowledge and understanding of how to stay safe in our digital world. The children have been taught about keeping themselves safe by not giving out any personal information to people. We have also worked hard with our children to ensure that they know to tell a trusted adult if they see things that they don't like on the internet. We have had whole class discussions on the risks of various social media sites and ensuring that children are aware of the age restrictions that the majority of the sites have, and why they have them.

Also, in computing sessions we have been improving our understanding of history, researching different historical giants of science. We have also used the internet to find out how life was very different in the Stone Age, to the way that we live today.

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## French

We have been very excited to start speaking in French. We have learnt to read and pronounce basic French vocabulary relating to numbers and days of the week. The children have also learnt basic greetings and how to say goodbye. All children have confidently counted to 10 on their own in front of the class.

Below we are greeting each other in French.



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## Music

The children gave a fantastic performance at Philack Church for our KS2 Christingle. The children sang so beautifully together, growing in confidence whilst learning the words. The children performed in front of KS2 and KS1 during rehearsals.



We have enjoyed listening to a range of music during the school day, from classical to pop. A favourite home time song at the moment is 'Sunshine'.

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