Year 3 Newsletter
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We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas and New Year
If there is anything that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us. The Year group leader for Year 3 is Mrs Thomas.
Kind regards, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Bostock and Mrs Findler.



Just a reminder that all children will receive weekly spellings every Monday. The spellings will be in reading diaries and we would encourage you to help your child practise daily as they will be tested the following Monday. We do not read out scores however if your child would like to know we are more than happy to tell them. The taught spellings will help your child in all areas of their learning particularly their writing.

Our **P.E lessons** will take place every **Monday and Thursday**. Children should arrive in their P.E kit on these days. Please remember to label each item clearly. As we are now in the colder months please make sure your child has a warm, outdoor kit.



Homework files will continue to be sent home every Thursday and will contain a piece of English, Maths, Science or Topic based homework. This will build upon and develop the skills we have learnt throughout the week in class. It is important that homework files are returned to school on a Monday and will be marked by the class teacher. You will also find your **Times Tables Rock Stars** password in the back of your diary for you to access at home.



Stig of the Dump

In English, we will be looking at the story 'Stig of the Dump' discovering the adventures of Barney and Stig along the way. We will be describing the main setting and characters from the story. We will also be rewriting part of the text focussing on different tenses. The children will be involved in a class debate using persuasive arguments. We will be writing a postcard from Barney to his family to describe some of the adventures that he has embarked upon. We will also be learning how to use subordinating and coordinating conjunctions within our writing.

In Maths this half term, children will be revisiting multiplication . In multiplication lessons, children will be shown how multiplication sums can be worked out in a variety of ways including the grouping method, arrays, number lines and the column method . This will help the children gain better understanding of their times tables. We will also be looking at money, converting pennies into pounds and giving change.

Our topic this half term is **What is new about the stone age?**

The children will explore how life has changed for people during different periods of the Stone Age, including the Early, Middle and New Stone Ages. They will cover why the period was called the Stone Age, and what archaeological evidence there is from the period, particularly in the form of artefacts and monuments. The main focus will be on the New Stone Age and how that contrasts with the earlier periods. They will also be doing some Stone Age cave paintings and printing in Art!

Reading is an essential part of the learning journey at The Crescent Academy. Your child will be read with individually and as part of a group each week. It is therefore essential that your child has their reading book and diary in school every day. We use the diary to communicate with you about your child's reading and we would appreciate it if you could leave a comment in the diary to let us know that you have read with your child. The expectation in Year 3 is that all children read at least three times a week at home. They will be rewarded for this with a biscuit every Friday. *Thank you for your continued support.*

