

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2023



YEAR 3

November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of a new term. The children have already settled in well and are very busy with their daily timetable.

Our Topic

Term 2: The Bronze Age and Iron Age

In this term, the children will explore the key features of the Bronze and Iron Ages, and come to conclusions about the developments within the periods. Links will be made to the Stone Age period. Throughout the topic, the children will use a variety of sources of evidence to investigate the period, including archaeological evidence with a focus on the Amesbury Archer, the Lindow Man, Roman written accounts of the Celts and reconstruction drawings of both periods. Differing interpretations of evidence will be considered.

Science: Amazing Bodies

In science, they will understand the importance of eating the right amounts of different types of food in order to provide them with the nutrition that their bodies require to remain healthy. They will learn about the range of nutrients that humans need to consume, in the correct amounts, and the role that these nutrients play in keeping their bodies healthy. They will also learn that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Collins Big Cat ebook suggestions:

Time-Traveller's Guide to the Bronze Age: Band 16/Sapphire

Anna Claybourne
ISBN 9780008163969

Muscles: Band 03 Yellow and Band 16/Sapphire

Anna Claybourne
ISBN 9780007428762

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: right angles and making turns in degrees. They will be learning to count in fours and how to use multiplication and division to find number families. In order to support your child, you could aid them with their weekly homework and carry out activities such as looking at patterns in everyday objects and using directions when out in the local area. It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the four times table and the three times table. Our website has some useful resources. Every week there is an individual tables test which the children need a quick recall as 10 questions need to be answered in 1 minute.

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In English, they will be learning about letters, newspaper reports, explanations, diary entry, information text and poems.

In order to support your child, you could read parts of a newspaper to your child, talk about and describe different places you visit and explain why it is important to be safe and seen in the dark.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term will be sent home with their weekly homework; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings and their meanings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly. Please ensure that they bring their reading book into school every day.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

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PE

Blackbirds – Friday & Swimming Thursday.

Moorhens and Starlings – Monday & Friday.

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls.

Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, spellings and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about homework, please come and see us as soon as possible.

Important Dates

06.11.23 – First day of Term 2

27.11.23 and 28.11.23 - Year 3 Stone Age Trip

19.12.23 – Children's Christmas dinner

21.12.23 – Last day of Term 2

03.01.24 – First day of Term 3

Please note there will be no after school clubs running on the last week of term Monday 18th – Thursday 21st December.

Yours sincerely

Miss Hodson

Miss Hovey

Miss Farrington

Year 3 Class Teachers

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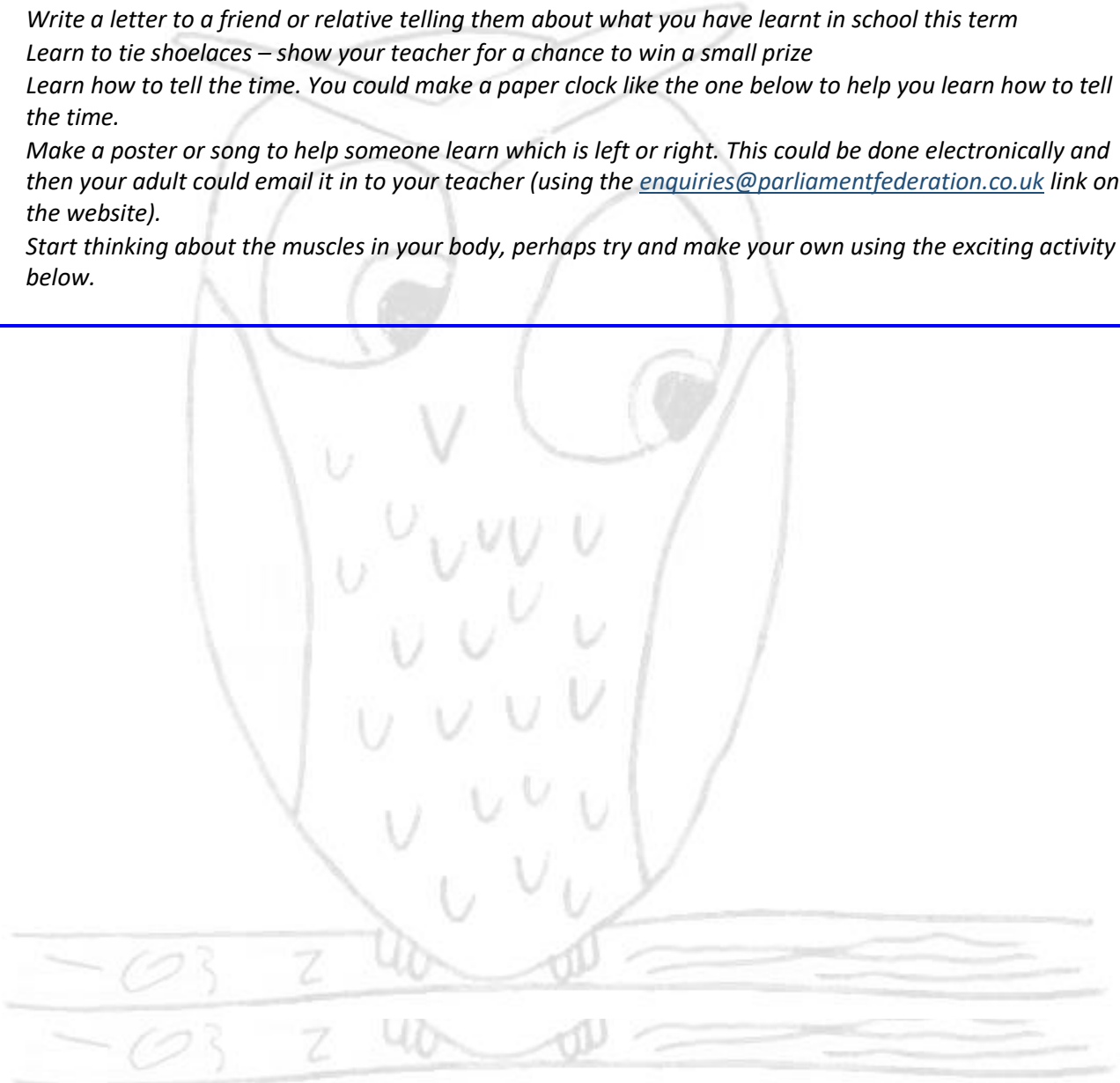


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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about are:

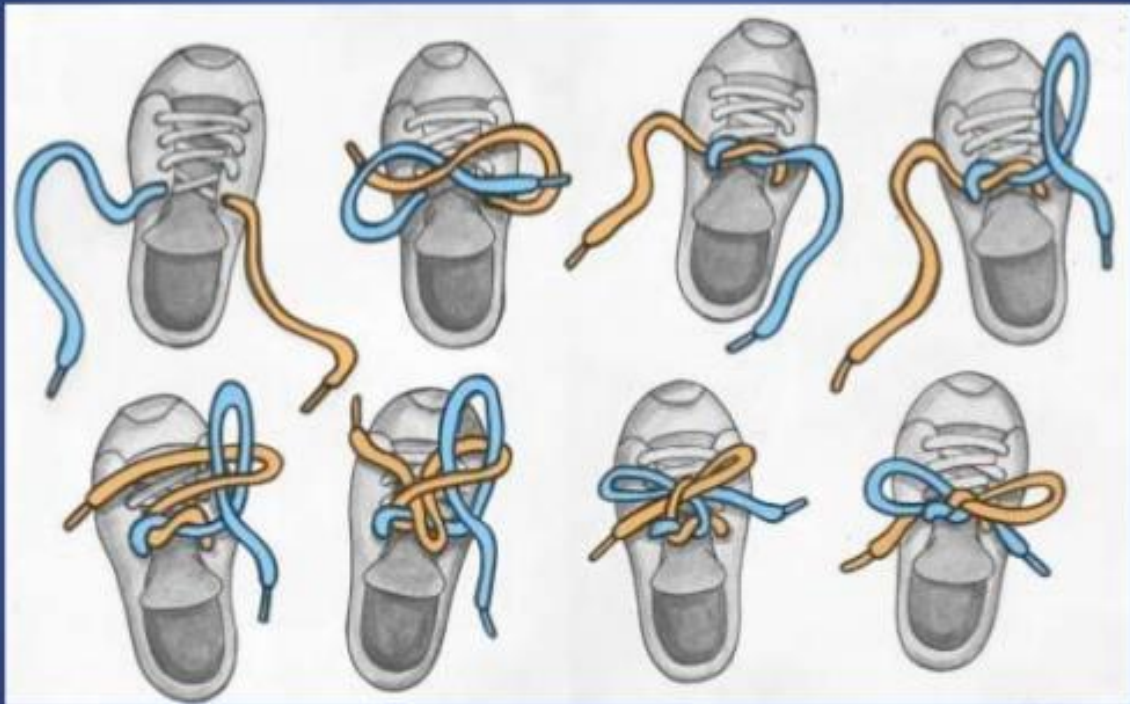
- Visit <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> to practise times tables.
- Visit the Think- Road safety campaign website <https://www.think.gov.uk/> and play some of the games on the "explore" page.
- Write a letter to a friend or relative telling them about what you have learnt in school this term
- Learn to tie shoelaces – show your teacher for a chance to win a small prize
- Learn how to tell the time. You could make a paper clock like the one below to help you learn how to tell the time.
- Make a poster or song to help someone learn which is left or right. This could be done electronically and then your adult could email it in to your teacher (using the enquiries@parliamentfederation.co.uk link on the website).
- Start thinking about the muscles in your body, perhaps try and make your own using the exciting activity below.





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How to Tie Your Shoes



Learn how to cut accurately with scissors.

(Use a helpful smiley face sticker and make sure it is always facing upwards!)



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Make your own paper clock and learn how to tell the time.



What you need:

- Paper Plates
- Split Pins which are sometimes called Paper Fasteners
- Pens or crayons
- Card
- Paper number stickers (optional)
- Scissors

How to make a clock out of a paper plate:

1. Cut out the hands from contrasting card, making one longer than the other for the minute hand.
2. Place the number stickers or draw your numbers around the clock, this is easier if you do the 12, 3, 6 and 9 first.
3. Make a small hole in the centre of the plate for the hands and use the split pin to secure.

Variations – You could use two paper plates to make lift-up flaps and put the minutes underneath. Alternatively, you could add the minutes to the outer rim of the paper plate and colour the minutes past one colour and the minutes too another colour.



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Making Muscles

You will need:
 elastic bands
 strips of thick, strong cardboard
 split pin
 stapler & scissors

1. Cut two equal lengths of card from thick strong card.



2. Place one strip of card on top of the other.
3. Push a split pin through both pieces of card. This must be no less than 5cm in from the edge.
4. Cut 4 elastic bands to length. Two will be short (red) and two will be need to be longer (green).
5. Staple the elastic bands in place. The two shorter ones will attach on the outside of the arm and the 2 longer bands will attach on the inside of the arm. Attach them all so they are tight but not pulling.

