

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to Key Stage 2!

We had a very exciting day in November when year 3 took part in an afternoon workshop all about Forces and Magnets. Drama and activities were used to consolidate their learning on this topic; we have looked at forces in everyday life, different types of forces and have carried out investigations such as, which magnet is the strongest? The children have loved devising their own investigations and working out what they could learn from them. The workshop gave them a great opportunity to put these skills into practise, and everyone had lots of fun.



In History, the children have been learning about the Stone Age. Many of the children also made some fantastic models of Stone Age houses as part of their home learning, using a range of natural materials and even some Lego models! It has been lovely to see them bringing these into school to share with the rest of the class. We also enjoyed reading 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura in English, and did lots of writing activities based on this book. We have now moved on to Geography and are learning about the physical features of North America.

French was new to the curriculum for our Year 3 children, and we supported this by learning about France on our two International Days. The children took an (imaginary!) tour of Paris, learning about the culture and landmarks, sung some songs about France and enhanced their geographical knowledge by making journeys of postcards from all around the world. We are also supporting their learning by reading to them in French as part of story time in the week, and are pleased to see their enthusiasm for this.

The children have also enjoyed using their creative skills this term! In DT we are making pencil cases out of felt, and the children are experimenting with backstitch and running stitch to create a range of cases with fastenings! They have enjoyed inventing digital devices in Computing, and are now working on programming using the software Scratch - the children are experimenting with building their own code to make the sprites move in different ways. The children have really enjoyed learning the violin in our weekly lessons and Mrs Wilmshurst, our violin teacher, has been amazed with their fantastic attitude to learning and the great progress they are making.

It has certainly been a busy first term in Year 3!

