

# Newsletter

Year 3 - Snozzcumbers

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear parents/ carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend.

This week in **English** we will start working with the text called *Stone Girl, Bone Girl* by Laurence Anholt which is about Mary Anning, the Victorian fossil hunter from Lyme Regis in Dorset and start gathering skills for our next assessed piece of writing which will be a newspaper article.

The spellings for this week are: **musician, electrician, magician, optician, politician, mathematician.**

In **Reciprocal Reading** we will read an information text and learn some new interesting words to extend our vocabulary and answer a variety of questions linked to the *Canine Pals*.

In **maths** we will start a new topic about Length and Perimeter and will be learning about comparing, adding and subtracting length. Please encourage the children to measure different objects at home using rulers or tape measures. The times tables focus will remain the **9 times tables**.

In history we will learn about how the Anglo-Saxons society was organised.

In RE we will continue learning about the Fall.

In PE we will continue with circuit training.

In art we will carry on with weaving.

In music we will compose our own pieces inspired by Edvard Grieg's *In the Hall of the Mountain King*. We will also learn about the brass family of instruments.

In science we will continue learning about rocks. We will do an experiment using chocolate and demonstrate how different types of rocks are formed.

**PE days are Wednesday and Friday. The children will need to come to school in their PE kits on these days.**

**Homework this week will be a reading comprehension.** It will be set on Thursday and needs to be completed by the following Monday.

Our school trip this term will to Treak Cliff Cavern in Castleton. A separate letter with the details about it has been sent.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Cooper



How can we make an igneous rock?



Put three of four squares of chocolate into a sandwich bag and seal it up.



Place the sandwich bag in a hot water bath (your teacher will help you with this!)

Leave the bag in the water until the chocolate has melted, then remove the bag and leave its contents to cool for five minutes.



Take your igneous chocolate rock out of the bag and inspect it!



How can we make a sedimentary rock?



Grate milk chocolate and white chocolate into separate piles.



Sprinkle a handful of each type of chocolate in a sandwich bag creating layers.

Seal the sandwich bag and press the layers together until they solidify.



Take your sedimentary chocolate rock out of the bag and inspect it!



How can we make a metamorphic rock?



Place small chunks of your sedimentary and igneous chocolate rocks in a sandwich bag.



Using your hands to apply heat and pressure, shape the rocks into a ball.



Take your metamorphic chocolate rock out of the bag and inspect it!