

Autumn 2 – Year 3!

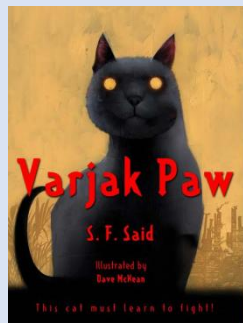
Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half-term break. The children have had a brilliant first half-term at Avenues and should be very proud of how well they have learnt new routines and engaged with their learning.

In English, we looked at the book *Varjak Paw* and used his adventures and exploration to write a diary entry and a brilliant setting description.

We were also very excited to welcome a real-life explorer at Avenues too! Adrian Hall shared his experiences of mountaineering and expeditions around the world. The children enjoyed their own expedition (around the playground!) using their map skills.

In Science, we looked at light and learned about how the eye works. We performed experiments around shadows and learned about reflectivity.

What a busy first term!



Key dates

Monday 4th – Nov – Flu vaccinations

Monday 11th Nov – School photos

Tuesday 12th Nov – Open evening for prospective parents

Monday 16th Dec (6pm-7pm) – Christmas Carol service

Friday 20th Dec - Term finishes

Tuesday 7th January - Back to school

What's coming up

Our next topic is The Stone Age.

The children have already had an interesting start to this topic, investigating coprolite – fossilised poo – to understand both the diet of Stone Age people and the potential climate. (Don't worry, it wasn't real!)

During this topic, we will also be learning about cave paintings around the world and creating our own. In addition to this, we will be studying Stone Age settlements, specifically Skara Brae, discovering why humans chose this location to settle.

Reading at Home

Whilst we do not set any formal homework at Avenue Junior School, we do ask that you spend 10 minutes each day reading with your child. The benefits of this are wide ranging.

Please see the curriculum map document on the website for a link to questions you can ask your child before, during and after reading.

Uniform

Please make sure uniform is labelled. If it is not labelled, it makes it very difficult to locate if it has been misplaced! For PE, children are expected to wear a white t-shirt or polo-shirt, black bottoms (shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms) and trainers. School jumpers or appropriate hoodie can be worn for PE outside.

Curriculum Map

A curriculum map will be sent out via email and Class Dojo and is also available on the school website. The curriculum map provides you with a brief overview of our learning for this half term.