

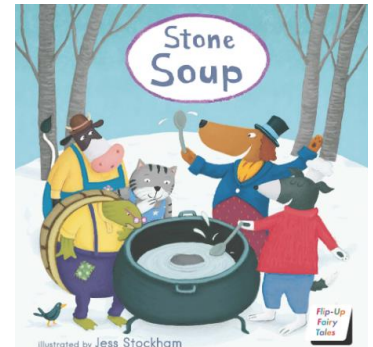


# LOWER SCHOOL

Welcome back! Last half term was a very busy half term.



The Lower School children put on a fantastic Harvest Assembly. The children all sang beautifully, Year 3 performed some fantastic poems and the Year 2 children retold the story of 'Stone Soup' brilliantly.



Thank you for your generosity and all the food you donated. The food has been given to The One Can Trust charity based in High Wycombe and they will be giving the food to people who really need it.

## Homework



Your child will be set homework on Google Classroom every day. Please support your child completing this work. When the children log into Google Classroom, they will be directed to either EdShed or TT Rockstars for their homework. Your child should have been given the usernames and passwords needed. If your child does not know their login details, please ask their class teacher.

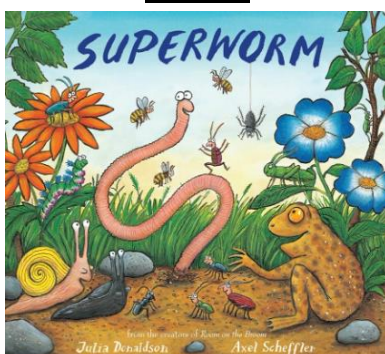
## Reading

It is very important that your child reads every day. Please remember to sign your child's book when you have listened to them read. Your child will be able to change their reading book when they can demonstrate that they understand what they have read, this may be only once or twice a week. The children can also take home another book of their choice. Please read this with your child as well.

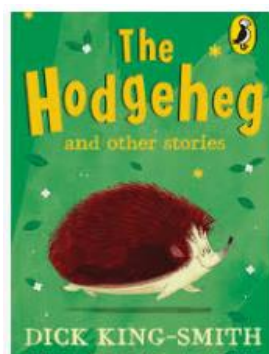


This half term the children will get to read and listen to lots of different stories. Below are some of the books they will be reading. Please encourage your child to tell you about the stories or read other books by the same author.

### Year 1



### Year 2



### Year 3



# Year 1

Year 1 has had a wonderful first half term and the children have settled in beautifully. We ended the half term with our trip to Wendover Woods where we went on the Gruffalo trail, looked for signs of Autumn, visited the pumpkin patch and made sculptures using natural materials in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. This half term we will be adding and subtracting using numbers to 20 as well as investigating 2D and 3D shapes in maths. In science we will be looking at the human body; identifying the different body parts and exploring our different senses. We are very excited about our Senses Day, which will be later in the half term. We will smell and taste different items, listen to our surroundings and write about what we can see in our environment. For Design and Technology, we will be creating our very own moving pictures and in History we will learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. In R.E. we will be looking at important people and the celebration of Christmas.



# Year 2



We are Scientists in Year 2! We have been testing a range of everyday materials for their ability to squash, stretch and absorb. We have also been learning about which materials would be suitable for different objects. We learned that we wouldn't make a house out of paper!

We are writing non-fiction information texts about castles in Writing lessons and are really looking forward to our trip to Windsor Castle very soon, where we will be able to see all the things we have been writing about.

In PSHE, we have been thinking hard about what makes a good friend. This is very important to us at Castlefield. As well as practising our singing for the Harvest Festival performance, in Music we have been singing songs with changing pitch, making our voices go higher and lower. As always, we have been enjoying reading a variety of stories at the end of the day, such as The Adventures of Mrs Pepperpot and The Enchanted Wood.

# Year 3

Year 3 had a terrific start to this academic year. Our Stone Age Day was a huge success and we enjoyed making a camp fire, listening to stories and feasting on foods our pre-history ancestors would have enjoyed! This term we are going on a school trip in our local area, seeing the field which was once an Iron Age hill fort for our History topic; and visiting the Mosque to learn about the features of a local place of worship.

In English we are learning how to write stories, focussing on action and characterisation. We will become really skilled at column addition and subtraction and learning more times-tables in Maths. In DT we are investigating mechanisms to support an environmental advertising project.

On Thursdays and Fridays, children will be learning dance and tag-rugby in PE lessons. Computing will be fun this term as we learn coding with Scratch - which they can also practise at home!

An Iron Age Hill Fort - this is what Castlefield would have looked like!

