



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1 2018

Happy New Year and welcome back to a busy but short half term. Our main topic this half term is entitled, 'Rock and Roll'

The central focus for this topic will be rocks and The Stone Age.

English

We begin this half term by looking at adventure stories. By exploring the book 'Stig of the Dump', we will use drama techniques to investigate the characters before eventually developing our own plot for a story. We will read and write our own poetry with a Stone Age theme. Finally we explore how to write to discuss different points of view. We will participate in class discussion before putting our viewpoints in writing.

Mathematics

It is crucial that the children continue to learn all their multiplication tables.

This half term we will focus on:

Revisiting place value- focusing on using estimation and the inverse to check answers to calculations

Fractions - Recognising and using fractions of number. Understanding that finding a fraction of an amount relates to division. Finding fractions of objects.

Measurement and volume - Measure, compare, add and subtract volumes and capacities. Solve problems involving measures.

Counting sequences and multiplication- recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 8 multiplication tables. Progressing to a more formal written method of multiplying numbers.

Science

The focus for Science is rocks and soils.

We will learn to group and compare different types of rocks according to their appearance and physical properties. Investigate how fossils are formed.

Recognise how soils are made and discover the different types of soil under our feet. We will use cake and sweets to discover the features of rock and consider how they are formed

Religious Education.

Our worship theme this half term is *Courage*.

In R.E lessons we will be thinking about 'Jesus the man who changed lives'. We will think about what we mean by change? We have already thought about changes we might want to make at the start of a brand new year.

History

We will learn what Britain was like after the dinosaurs became extinct but before modern man lived.

We will discover what life was like in Stone Age times. We will also research Stonehenge, find out how it was constructed and the children will build their own stone circles.

Geography - taught by Mrs Mclean.

Identify the location of the world's countries. Learn how to use atlases efficiently.

Understand how volcanoes and earthquakes are formed.

Computing

Will be looking at Digital Literacy. E-safety will be an on-going theme throughout the year. It is important that children recognise the importance of keeping safe whilst accessing the internet both in school and at home.

Routines.

P.E for this half term will be on Wednesday and a Friday. Any child wearing earrings must be able to remove them for PE lessons. Long hair must be tied back.

Reading Books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please remind your child to put their books in the tray in the classroom ready for changing.

Homework will be given on a Friday to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. It is vital that homework is completed to a high standard and returned to school on time. All children are expected to complete regular pieces of topic homework. You will find a copy of the topic homework on the web site.

Spellings will be given out each Friday to be tested the following Friday. Please ensure that your child has their orange spelling books in school on a Friday ready for the new spellings.

On a Wednesday morning we will have either a mental maths tests or a times tables test.

Any letters or reply slips can be returned to school via the children's bags. They will be expected to check their bags and hand in any slips before morning registration.

More information regarding the curriculum can be found on the school website. If I can be of any further assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs S Hayward.