



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2018

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and that the children are refreshed ready for the next busy 8 weeks of term.

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 'Stone Age Boy', we will learn how to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. We will use drama techniques to investigate the characters and settings before eventually developing our own plot for a Stone Age adventure 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 discussions before putting our viewpoints in writing.

Mathematics

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

This half term we will focus on:

Multiplication facts- recalling and using multiplication and division facts for 3 and 4 times tables. Counting on or back in different steps.

Written and mental multiplication - Use mental strategies before progressing to a more formal written method to calculate two digits multiplied by one digit.

Solve missing number problems- involving both multiplication and division.

Written and mental division- Use multiplication tables to divide two digits by one digit working towards a formal written method.

Time - tell the time using 24 hour and 12 hour clock. To know the number of seconds in a minute, number of days in each month, year and leap year.

3D Shape- Recognise and make 3D shapes from modelling materials. Identify horizontal and perpendicular lines.

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

Mindfulness.

We are very lucky to have a series of mindfulness sessions this half term, led by the Sports Partnership. During the program the children will learn about the different areas of the brain and will develop strategies to enable them to cope with day to day activities such as concentration, memory and the self-regulation of behaviour.

Religious Education.

Our worship theme this half term is Trust.

In R.E lessons we will be preparing for Christmas by thinking about the Nativity story and considering what it means to be present and the ways that we may feel God's presence.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday. Any child wearing earrings must be able to remove them for PE lessons. Long hair must be tied back.

Where possible we may go outside for PE. You may want to send in a pair of tracksuit bottoms for your child to keep in their PE kits.

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. This half term I will also be sending home a topic homework menu. All children will be expected to complete 3 items of their own choice.

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

On a Tuesday 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.