

LKS2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

The Year 3/4 Teaching Team

Class 4



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English

We're concentrating our writing work this half term on the Stone Age. To begin with, we will use the book 'The Lost Village: Skara Brae' to create holiday leaflets. As well as learning persuasive techniques to add to our work we will work on developing our handwriting and spelling skills. After that, we will be using the fiction book 'The Wild Way Home' by Sophie Kirtley to write a viewpoint narrative story set in the Stone Age. Finally, we will write a poem based on our Stone Age day.

Maths

We are looking at number and place value this half-term in maths and will be learning to compare, order and read and write numbers up to, and beyond, 1000 as well as solving number and practical problems using place value and number skills. We will be using lots of concrete resources to help us, such as numicon and base 10, and will be developing our pictorial skills too. Our mental maths focus is on learning our times tables, up to 12x12! Please support your child at home with this challenge.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book out loud to an adult at least three times a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time.

Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.



Topic - Stone Age - History and Geography

LKS2 will journey through time in the Autumn term. We will begin in the Stone Age where we will learn about people's lives and how they existed day to day. The children will then follow the timeline along into the Bronze Age before finishing the topic in the Iron Age. Pupils will learn about the changes that occur throughout this fascinating period of history.

Science

This half-term we are learning how to be fabulous scientists through lots of practical, hands-on experiments. In our books, we will also learn how to structure and write-up an experiment which shows our understanding. Working scientifically, we will begin to understand and write our own questions and hypothesis for investigations and understand the key vocabulary needed to conduct experiments. We will carefully choose the right equipment needed for specific purposes and ensure all investigations are kept a fair test. We will also learn how to collect, record and analyse our results, commenting on trends, predictions and surprises! Afterwards, we will link our findings and conclusions back to our predictions; being able to explain why, or why not, they were successful.

Computing

This half-term, our work will be about safety and communication on the internet. We'll learn how to keep safe when using and searching the internet for information and understand how using key words in searches can help to find information more efficiently.

Art

We'll learn all about cave art through looking at artist Chris Ofili and Stone Age cave paintings. Using hand prints and dot painting using our own made pigments, our work will tell stories.

PE

We are doing gymnastics on Tuesdays and will be developing our flexibility, technique, control and balance. Year 3 are also doing fitness carousels on Wednesdays to develop their stamina. Swimming will be on a Wednesday for Year 4.

MFL - French

Our French topic is 'All About Me.' This will be taught through active listening and speaking activities such as engaging in conversations, asking and answering questions, responding to others.

PSHE

Year 3: Relationships - friendship, making positive friendships. Our key question is 'How can we be a good friend?'
Year 4: Health and Wellbeing - self-worth, personal qualities. Our key question is 'What strengths and skills do we have?'

DT and Food Tech

In woodwork, we are learning how to use tools safely to create Stone Age houses. We'll also plan and evaluate our models as well as make a prototype. In Food Tech, we are learning about food hygiene and how to create simple dishes using fruit and berries.

RE

We'll study which faiths are celebrated in the UK and their special buildings and holy books.

Forest School

We will be learning how to make fire using flint like our Stone Age ancestors!

Music

Our work will involve rhythm notation and learning to play the ukulele.

Important Dates...

- 11.10.24 – Training Day - School closed for pupils.
- 15.10.24 – Year 4 Parent Workshop @2:45pm - Times Tables and the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.
- 24/25.10.24 – Stone Age Days — Year 3 - 24.10.24 Year 4 - 25.10.24 (More information to follow)

