Year 4 Autumn Term

The Stone Age to Iron Age

Maths

In maths, the children will start the term with a focus on number and place value. We will be learning about numbers up to and beyond 1000, as well as recapping learning from Year 3. We will then move onto learning about the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and apply these to a range of word problems, including learning about area and perimeter. We will also have a big focus on times tables.

History/Geography

In humanities, the children will study how people lived in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. They will investigate topics such as housing, food, clothing, tools and family life, and discover how these changed throughout the three time periods. They will also undertake mini studies of Skara Brae, Stonehenge and Oswestry Hill Fort.

Science

The children will be finding out about different animals and their habitats. They will discuss environmental issues that may cause danger to living things. The children will use their problem solving skills to find ways to help them.

Literacy/GPS

In literacy, the children will study a variety of texts linked to this term's theme. They will learn the skills to write a non-chronological report, and will use their creative skills to create their own character profile and Haiku. They will be reminded of the importance of using correct spelling and punctuation throughout their work. They will be encouraged to develop their writing through the use of conjunctions, adverbials, direct speech, different tenses and expanded noun phrases.

PE

In PE, the focus will be on football and small-sided games. The children will develop their skills in kicking and passing the ball, and learn to work effectively as a team to score goals or points in a variety of games.

PSHE

In PSHE, the focus will be on relationships. The children will learn about what it means to be a good friend, how they can build healthy relationships, the difference between positive and negative peer pressure and how to respect differences. The children will also take part in Anti-Bullying Week.

Computing

This term, the children will be learning how to code using Purple Mash 2Code. They will create algorithms using repetition and variables to code their own program and learn how to debug others' programs. The children will also learn how to keep themselves safe online and why it is important to do so.

Music

Our peripatetic music teacher, Mr Womble, will be leading the children in learning musical skills and exploring musical techniques.

French

In French this term, the children will learn the different words for animals and food items. They will begin to form more complex sentences using adjectives.

Art

This term in art, the children will be continuing their study of the Stone Age to Iron Age by learning about prehistoric cave art. They will learn about the Magura cave paintings in Bulgaria and the Cave of Hands in Argentina. They will then have an opportunity to create their own cave art on stones using a range of techniques and materials.

DT

In DT, the children will be bringing stories to life with fun and imagination as they create story books with moving mechanisms.

RE

In RE, the children will be learning about the different faiths: Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Sikhism and the special places that are important to the people who follow these religions. They will also understand the pilgrimages some of these religions makes and the reasons for these journeys.

Other Information

Homework will be given out on a Friday and is due the following Wednesday.

Please ensure your child is completing their home spellings in their blue book each night.

Reading is to be recorded in your child's reading companion.

Please continue to practise times tables with your child at home.

All children should wear a white top and black shorts for PE. A tracksuit or alternative appropriate warm clothing should be worn for outside PE and sport.

Thank you for your continued support.