

This half term our topic is

Stone Age to Iron Age (History link)

Literacy

Writing:

TEXT - I am Cat. Outcome: A short story written as a book to share with parents. Focus: Vocabulary development and use of a thesaurus.

TEXT - Hatchet. Outcome: Diary entries. Focus: Using fronted adverbials for time and place to add extra detail. Expanded noun phrases to bring the diary entry to life.

Reading

Children will be working towards their reading stars this year and independent reading tasks will be shared in class and for home learning. Guided reading this half term will be focused on enjoyment of authors and ability to predict, infer and summarise. We will also be learning about language for effect and use of italics and capitals

Spelling and Handwriting

We will be having a short focused daily task linked to spelling and handwriting.

Maths

This half term our main areas of learning are place value, and addition and subtraction. These skills underpin a lot of other areas of maths which is why we start with them. We will also be focusing on key facts and times tables and homework will reflect this.

Science

Taught by Mrs Hodder

The children are looking at evolution and how we inherit characteristics

Art

We are fortunate to have Miss Boston teaching us every Tuesday morning. She is an art specialist and is introducing us to a range of different styles and techniques.

Religious Education
Taught by Mrs Hodder

The class will be learning about Buddhism

PSHE

This half term we will be following the topic of VIPs - this is all about the really important people in our lives, what it means to love them, how we show love, and how to have safe and healthy relationships.

Music: This half term we are following the Charanga scheme and our music topic is Mamma Mia. We will be singing, listening, composing and responding to this Abba classic.

ICT

This half term we are focusing on word processing skills. We will be becoming more confident at using the full range of the keyboard, cutting and pasting images and text, changing fonts and sizes, adding text boxes and using all these skills to support our work in topic and English.

Physical Education: PE will be

every Thursday afternoon with Mrs Hodder who will be focusing on learning Tag Rugby skills and on Friday afternoons when we are lucky enough to have Pete an experienced hockey coach coming along to share his expertise with us. Please make sure you have a full PE kit in school on those 2 days.

History We will be learning about how this incredibly long period of pre-history changed over the million or so years it encompasses. We will be learning about how people lived both before and after metals were used. We will look at housing, religious practises, the artefacts that help us learn about this period of history, and thinking about how the need for survival affected the daily lives that people led.

Experiences

Recreate a Stone Age Village
(If we are able to, we might try to visit Kents Cavern which are some caves in Torquay which have some incredible evidence of Stone Age people. This might need to happen just after half term due to the venue being very booked up this half term. Watch this space...