



LKS2 Parent Newsletter

Summer 1



KEY LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

This half term our key learning is History based. We will be learning about the Stone Age. We will be finding out when the Stone Age took place and learning about how life was different for people in the Stone Age compared to our lives now.

As part of this topic we will be going on a trip to Creswell Crags, a Stone Age settlement where prehistoric cave paintings and other artefacts have been found.

In Science, we will be learning about the different types of rocks. We will find out how different rocks were made and practise identifying these rock types, based on their qualities.

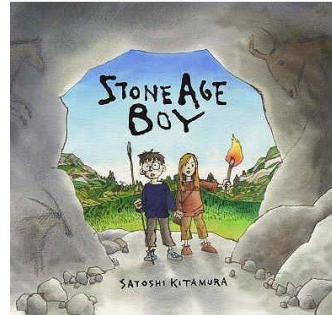
Our Art this term is linked to our history. We will be looking at Stone Age cave paintings and recreating these. We will also be learning about the artist Picasso and looking at some of his work which was inspired by the Stone Age paintings.

WRITING

Our Writing this half term will be linked with our history learning.

We will be reading the story 'Stone Age Boy' and using this to write diaries from the perspectives of the characters.

We will continue to embed some of the writing skills we have been learning; conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions and using apostrophes accurately.



MATHS

This half term the year 3 children will be learning about mass, capacity and money.

Year 4 children will be learning about decimals, then applying this knowledge to money.

We follow the White Rose maths curriculum.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/>

The Year 4 times table check is the week back after the next holidays. We will continue to have a focus on times tables using TT Rockstars in the lead up to this.

<https://trockstars.com/>

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

One of the best ways to support your child at home is to listen to your child read daily and record this in their reading records. Discuss the characters and main events in the story to check their understanding of what they have read. Discuss the vocabulary and make predictions about what might happen next. Reading books should be returned to school weekly.

In preparation for the times tables check, encourage your child to use TT Rockstars regularly to practise their times tables.

Help your child to learn their weekly spellings and to complete their homework. These will be given out every Friday. Homework will be due the following Friday.

OUR READING TEXTS

In Reading lessons, each class will be continuing to practise their reading fluency. We will also be improving our comprehension of the texts, by answering a selection of retrieval and inference questions.

3B will be reading the fiction text 'Bill's New Frock'.

34H are continuing to read 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel', which we have really enjoyed so far! After this we will be reading a non-fiction text.

4L will be continuing to read 'The Boy who Stole an Elephant' by Nizrana Farook.



EVENTS IN SCHOOL/KEY DATES

All parents and carers are welcome to celebrate our learning, in and out of school, at our Friday assembly. Please enter through the main entrance after drop off where we will be pleased to welcome you into school, with refreshments. Miss Bartle and Mrs. Stringwell are both around at this time.

2nd May – Polling Day. School is closed.

6th May – Bank Holiday Monday.

7th May – Creswell Crags trip (Year 3 and 4).

24th May – Break up for half term.