

In Autumn Term 2 our topic is:

Stone Age

The information below shows how this is linked to other areas of the curriculum.



Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible Activities to be done at home
English	<p>During our English lessons this half term we will be using some stories linked to the topic of Stone Age. We will be reading 'Stone Age Boy.' The children will be writing a non-chronological report as well as writing their own stories. Comprehension questions will be answered weekly. Speaking and listening activity skills will also be incorporated in to lessons. After reading 'Stone Age Boy' we shall be reading 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. This will give us the opportunity to read an extended text, expand our vocabulary and have lots of opportunities for creative writing including a diary entry and an exciting piece linked to a fairy tale. Spelling this half term will concentrate on ensuring the children can spell the high frequency words from KS1 and spellings using prefixes and suffixes. The children will continue to practise their cursive handwriting daily.</p>	<p>Please continue to support your child at home by helping them with their weekly spellings as well as read their school reading book at night. Please sign the reading records.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths this half term, children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To recall and use the multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 tables. • To write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division, including 2-digit x 1-digit, using mental recall and progressing to formal written methods. • To tell the time to the nearest minute on an analogue clock. • To read Roman numerals from I to XII. • To make 3-D shapes using modelling materials. • To recognise 3-D shapes and describe them. 	<p>By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of the times tables and related division facts. The sooner the children know these the easier and more enjoyable maths will become. Please help your child learn them. In year 3 we focus on 3, 4, and 8 but if your child learns them all then it will be of great benefit to them. They can access TT Rockstars at home on their tablets, computers or phones.</p>
Science	<p>In science we will be learning about humans including animals. We shall focus on the athlete Usain Bolt at first, then we will be moving on to look at skeletons, muscles and ways to stay healthy.</p>	<p>Children could complete research about Usain Bolt and you could discuss the benefits of eating healthily and participating in exercise.</p>
History	<p>The children will learn about the Stone Age and where it fits in to our timeline as well as where sources of information come from. We will also find out what life was like in Skara Brae. This will link to our class text, where we will explore life in the Stone Age times.</p>	<p>Look up facts about the Stone Age. Find out about Skara Brae.</p>

Religious Education	The children will be learning about the importance of Advent for Christians and how Christians prepare for Christmas. They will also learn about Advent in Russia and Sweden. Using our new knowledge, the children will use their art skills to make some Christmas crafts.	Encourage your child to find out about the importance of Advent and Christmas by carrying out their own research or visiting local Christian churches. Please could you save any clean cardboard or polystyrene disks from pizza packs and send them to school with your child.
Computing	This term we are learning how to fix bugs. We shall be debugging programs that accomplish specific goals. We shall also be using sequence, selection and repetition in programs. We shall be using logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and also deleting and correcting errors.	Children could continue to develop their skills using 'Scratch' from last half term.
Physical Education	We shall be focussing on gymnastics this half term.	Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school all of the time. This should be black shorts and a plain white T-shirt. Appropriate footwear is also required. Earrings should be avoided on this day or plasters sent to cover them.
Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education	We shall be looking at changes and focussing on what has changed since Year 2. Then we shall be discussing peer pressure and risks, dangers and hazards. Finally we shall be thinking about how we take care of our bodies.	At home you could encourage your child to be safe and identify dangers and hazards at home and in the local area.
Music	Alternate weeks will be ukulele taught by Mr Henderson and alternate weeks focusing on poetry in music using Music Express. They will look at patterns and playground rhymes.	Encourage your child to listen to different genres of music and pick up the different patterns.
Art	In Art this half term we will be focussing on cave paintings from the Stone Age.	Research cave art and have a go at creating your own pictures.
Design and Technology	Following on from our 3-D shape work in maths, the children will design and make a Christmas gift box.	Look at packaging at home. Flatten out empty boxes (like cereal, toothpaste, biscuit boxes, etc) to show the net and how a flat 2-D piece of card can be folded and stuck together to create a 3-D shape.
French	Children shall be learning colours this half-term, in addition to consolidating greetings and numbers from last half-term.	Practise colour words.