

Now lots of useful information to help you and your children be organised and make the most of the year group. Please also ensure you keep checking our website, Twitter account and text messages for other updates as well as looking out for letters which may be sent home from time to time.

What will my child be learning this term?

Stone Age, Bronze age.

English



In English we will be using the books Stone Age Boy and The Stone Age Hunter Gatherers and Woolly Mammoths. The children will develop their use of reading skills such as inferring how the characters feel throughout their journeys. They will be using adverbial phrases, writing in paragraphs and they will do this by writing a diary entry as well as innovating the story themselves.

Maths



In Maths our focus for this half term is multiplication and division. The children will recall and use multiplication facts for the 3, 4 and 8x tables. They will learn how to calculate multiplication and division using mental and formal written methods. They will also solve missing number problems using the inverse operation (trio triangles).



PE



This half term we will be learning how to order instructions, movements and skills. Move smoothly and with minimum wobble, move off the balls of their feet. Children to take part in three limbed races with a partner. Children will work in pairs and move their inner legs at the same time and with exaggerated arm and leg movements.

How can I help my child at home?

- Ask them what they are **learning about** in school.
- Make sure they have **equipment** to do their **learning at home**.
- Check your child is doing their **learning at home** and handing it in on **Thursday**.
- **Listen to your child read** every night and talk to them about the book (this can be done in English or the home language) – use the questions in their reading records.
- Help them practice their **times tables**. Children should log in to TT Rockstars daily.
- Help them learn their **high-frequency words / phonics sounds / spellings**. **Spelling tests will be on Friday morning**.

Where can we go as a family to support my child's learning?

Talking at Home

We encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in class. Ask them what they have learnt each day or something new which they have found out. See if your child can explain what they have been learning at school. This is a good indication of how well they listen and how interested they are in their work. They may even tell you something you didn't know!

Upcoming trips / visits / visitors / theme days

Nell Bank Early Peoples - Stone Age experience

Diary dates...

Nell Bank Trip – 8th January

Road Safety – 22nd and 29th January

School Closes – 9th February

History



In **History** we will be learning about the Stone Age. We will describe events from the past using dates when things happened. Timelines will be used to set out the order that things may have happened and research skills will also be used to find answers to specific historical questions.

Art



In **ART** we will be learning to use sketches to produce a final piece of artwork (cave paintings). We will create a background by using a wash. We will also use different grades of pencil to shade and to show different tones and textures.

PHSCE



In **PHSCE** we will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe and who we can go to for help if we feel that a situation is unsafe. Understanding how to assess and manage risks. We will also be learning about why it is not safe to share your personal information online.

Science



This term our science work will focus on Animals including humans. We will learn how we get nutrition from the food which we eat. We will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and having the right amounts of nutrition. We will also explore the purpose of the skeleton in humans and animals, and learn about some of the muscles in our bodies.

E-safety reminders

1. Don't give out personal information.
2. Never send pictures to strangers.
3. Keep passwords private.
4. Don't download anything without permission.
5. Tell an adult if you receive a mean or strange message.

Uniform reminders

Children need to wear **black plain shoes** and **bring their school reading book/ records daily**.

PE will take place on Friday afternoons. Children will need to come to school in the correct kit every Friday please.

