

Science

This term we will be learning even more about materials.

We will be learning:

- Different ways to separate materials
- The differences between reversible and irreversible changes
- How heat changes food
- How burning affects materials
- How to create and collect carbon dioxide
- The causes and effects of rust

RE

How can Christians influence actions and lifestyles?

As theologians, we are continuing to study Christianity for this term. We are looking at how someone's religion or beliefs are expressed through the choices they make.

We will be looking at some people who have used their beliefs to affect the way they live their lives.

French

The children will continue to have a weekly French lesson developing their basic vocabulary skills.

This term they are learning to:

- Follow instructions in French
- Talk about the clothes they are wearing
- Learning vocabulary for the

Art and Design

The art work will be linked to the Stone Age. As artists, the children will depict prehistoric life in a variety of media.

We will also be looking forward to Christmas and making various Christmas art and craft things.

Material Mayhem



ICT

The internet will be used for research in particular in history.

We will also be using software to make an audio recording and explore how layers of sounds can be used to create effects.

Children will be examining how Excel can be used to support work in maths.

Music

Year 5 will be having the opportunity to learn a brass instrument. They will be having a weekly lesson with Mr. Horscroft..

PSHE The class will be thinking about getting on and falling out; discussing and thinking about strategies to support this. The children will also be talking about Bullying and how to say 'No' to bullying.

History

The children will be continuing their learning about the time period from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They will be engaged in a one day workshop with a dramatics company to extend and develop their learning.

They will also be learning more about the weapons that the earliest humans used and about developments at Skara Brae.

PE

Indoor PE will focus on gymnastics; the children will be encouraged to develop greater control and precision in their work.

Outdoor PE will focus on games skills.

PE days are Thursdays and Fridays.

English:

Writing

Stories: The children will read and analyse a range of short stories. They will write their own stories based on historical evidence from the Stone Age.

The children will review poems by familiar authors and adopt the role of these authors to begin to write their own poetry.

Poetry: Christmas poetry using a range of language features.

Non-Chronological reports: Writing about the Stone Age in a factual style.

Reading

We will continue to do guided reading regularly with a focus on comprehension of texts. Please talk to your child about the books that they are reading and ask them questions to improve their comprehension skills.

Spelling

The class has a weekly spelling lesson to focus on the teaching of a specific spelling pattern. We will then have short daily spelling focus to reinforce and consolidate this learning.

In addition, some children will be having high frequency words sent home on a weekly basis. Could you please work with your child to support them to learn to spell these important words.

Maths:

Times tables: The children will continue their focus on times table in particular 6,7,8,9. Times tables facts are fundamental to most areas of maths that we use and the children really need to be quick and secure with this knowledge.

We will work on these skills at least twice a week and we will have a monthly 'Times-tables challenge' in which the children aim to increase their total score.

Other areas of maths we will cover are:-

- Consolidation of the written method for multiplication.
- Division, including the written method.
- Fractions - beginning to recognise equivalent fractions and make links between fractions and decimals.
- Shape - reflection and rotation of shapes.
- Tables and bar charts

Other Information:

Please ensure your child reads regularly at home. Alongside their school reading book encourage them to read a wide range of books, magazines, newspapers, comics etc. This is will to help support their vocabulary development and understanding of different genres of writing.