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CHALONER PRIMARY

Year 3/4 Topic Letter

This half term's topic is:

The Stone Age



Literacy

This half term, the children will be reinforcing and consolidating their basic

Literacy skills through story writing. They will improve their use of punctuation by learning how to use basic punctuation accurately, including speech punctuation and commas. The children will also learn about nouns, verbs and adjectives and learn to use them regularly throughout their work.

When writing for different purposes they will learn how to link paragraphs and also vary the length and complexity of their sentences. We will also focus on improving the size, orientation, position and joining of their handwriting.



Science



The children will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed. Children will compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties. They will learn how fossils are formed and learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology. Children will understand how soil is formed and will then investigate the permeability of different types of soil.

R. E.



This half term, the children will find out about the religion of Hinduism. They will investigate where and when the religion started and where in the world believers are now and how many believers there are. They will also come to understand what Hindu's believe about God and make a fact sheet about Brahman and his 3 deities.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, the children will be reinforcing their basic skills. They will continue to practice written methods for addition and subtraction and carry out real life problem solving work related to this. We will also reinforce skills in mental maths to help the children solve problems quickly and accurately, using a range of strategies. Children will also continue to reinforce their understanding of their 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables. In topic maths we will investigate measures.

P.E.



This half term, the children will learn the ball skills of catching, throwing bouncing and dribbling, using a variety of ball sizes. They will also learn how to play competitive games such as rounders and hockey. They will learn the rules of each game. They will learn the importance of playing fairly and sportsmanship.

Topic



In their topic lessons, the children will learn about the role of the archaeologist in helping uncover the past. This will help them understand how we know so much about how people lived in the Stone Age and help them try to understand how far back we are going in history. They will also create a time line of world history. The class will explore aspects of everyday life such as homes, food and hunting. In Geography, the children will learn about where the Stone Age people settled.

ART/DT



In Art and D.T. the children will recreate Stone Age hand prints and cave paintings. They will create their own Stone Age weapons and jewellery. They will also explore architecture across the UK from a range of times and use these ideas to design and sketch their own structures.

Computing

In Computing, the children will reinforce their knowledge of how to stay safe when using multi-media technology. They will also begin to understand what algorithms are and use them in programs to create sequences of movement.

Music

In music the children will learn how music can be organised in sequences. They will perform simple rhythms with a steady beat and combine rhythms in layers. The theme for their work will be a building site and they will pull these ideas together at the end to create a class composition.

PSHE



In PSHE, the children will learn from the topic 'Going For Goals'. Through discussion and circle time activities the children will focus on motivation and self-awareness. This gives an opportunity for all children's abilities, qualities and strengths to be valued. They will reflect on themselves as individuals particularly their strengths as learners and how they learn most effectively. They will also discuss the British values of aspiration and equality.

Notes

- Please listen to your child read every night.
- Remember to bring P.E. kits every Monday and Friday.
- Please help your child learn their spellings and times tables.