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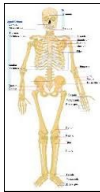
Year 3/4 Topic Letter



Literacy

This half term, the children will continue to reinforce and consolidate their basic Literacy skills. 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 poetry and play scripts they will learn how to use specific features of these and also vary the length and complexity of their sentences. We will also focus on improving the size, orientation and joining of their handwriting.



Science

The children will learn about 'Humans' and the similarities and differences between us. They will explore ways in which humans can stay healthy by eating a varied diet and examine some of the body parts such as the skeleton and muscles to see how these things help us survive. During this topic the children will question, observe, predict, measure and draw their own conclusions from investigations.



R.E.

In R.E. lessons the children will learn about Advent and why this is a special time for Christians. They will recognise it as a time to prepare for the arrival of Jesus as a special baby. They will also look at the symbolism of advent wreaths and make an advent calendar using pictures that are symbolic to Christians, after exploring a range of these.



This half term's topic is:

The Stone Age



Numeracy

In Numeracy, the children will continue to reinforce their basic skills. They will 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 the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 6 times tables. In topic maths we will investigate measures and symmetry.



P.E.

This half term, children will create a dance sequence based on shapes and creating a movement sequence with a partner to music. In games the children will improve their ball skills through bouncing the ball with accuracy in order to play small-sided, competitive games.

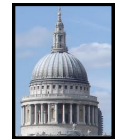
Topic

In their topic lessons the children will learn about life in the Stone Age looking particularly at diet and how lifestyles changed from hunter gatherers to farmers. We will also learn about the importance of Stone Circles. In Geography the children will learn about settlements. They will discuss the meaning of this term and what key features early settlers needed in places they chose to live. We will compare villages, towns and cities and compare the key features of each of these type of settlements.



ART/DT

In D.T. the children will explore structures from the Stone Age, their homes and Stonehenge. They will sketch these in their art books before designing and making their own Stone Age structure.



Computing

In Computing the children will reinforce their knowledge of how to stay safe when using multi media technology. They will also use this knowledge to make a poster about how to stay safe when using the internet. The children will also use appropriate internet sites in order to conduct research into our topics.

Music

The children will look at the call and response structure in music whilst also reinforcing their knowledge about the human body. They will sing and perform songs as well as playing along on tuned and untuned instruments.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will learn from the topic 'Say no To Bullying'. Through discussion and circle time activities the children will focus on what bullying is, how it feels, why people bully and how we can prevent and respond to it. We will create a class charter in order to prevent bullying behaviours and develop a range of strategies to support one another using friendship and communication skills.



Notes

- Please listen to your child read every night.
- Children must remember to bring P.E. kits on appropriate days -Wednesday and Thursday.
- Please help your child learn their times tables.