

Year 3 Autumn 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Summer Break. We have a busy and exciting term ahead. Below is an overview of the forthcoming term. We hope that you find it useful.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sedge (Beech) and Miss Slattery (Ash)

Topics:

Topic	SCAVENGERS AND SETTLERS
Key question	What was special about the Stone Age?
Key question	How Humans Work



Topic

Our Topic this term will cover the theme of Scavengers and settlers. We will be looking at how people from the Stone Age survived and examine the lives of our earliest ancestors. We will investigate clothing, weapons and tools and explore what countries were affected by the ice age.

Literacy: In Literacy, we will cover many genres. We will begin with autobiographies and will write our own autobiography. We will then move on to narratives looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and use the story of Little Red Riding Hood as a basis for newspaper reports. After the half term, we will explore adventure stories and will learn all the skills to write adventure stories of our own. We will create a non-chronological report linked to our topic. Towards the end of the term we will work on creating instructions for creating Christmas decorations.

Math's: This term we will focus on each topic for longer to ensure greater depth of learning using the White Rose maths scheme. In the first half term we will explore addition and subtraction using a range of resources and methods. In the second half term we will explore multiplication and division.

Science: Our Science work this term will cover the topic of How Humans Work. We will start by exploring the five senses. We will go on to explore the function of the digestive system, heart and skeleton and will carry out an experiment based on heart rate changes. We will look at how to care for our bodies and explore what makes a healthy diet and lifestyle. Towards the end of the term, we will begin to explore forces and carry out some investigations related to friction and gravity.

PE: Star Sports will be working with Year 3 for PE this year and will be teaching a range of skills. Sessions will usually take place on a Monday afternoon so please make sure PE kits are in school on these days.

Art/DT: Our Art and DT this term will link to our topic, Science and RE units. We will create work inspired by cave paintings and will create clay tablets related to Stone Age designs. After half term we will create Diwali lamps and will continue to develop our sketching ability. We will finish the term by creating a range of Christmas cards and decorations.

RE: In RE we will learn about what different people believe about God. We will explore the beliefs of Hindus, Christians and Muslims. Later in the term we will explore the meaning of Christmas.

Computing: In our computing lessons we will explore animation, creating characters and backgrounds and working towards making a simple story using the computer program "Scratch".

Music: In Music we will explore how to arrange beats in a pattern to accompany poetry. Later in the term we will learn how to classify instruments.


PSHE: In PSHE we will learn how to build good relationships in school. Later in the term, we will learn how to understand different cultures, beliefs and lifestyles.

French: We will be learning basic vocabulary in French this term, starting with introducing ourselves in French and moving on to learning the colours, numbers and classroom objects.

Home expectations: Two pieces of homework will continue to be provided on a Friday, one maths activity and one literacy activity, to be returned by the following Tuesday. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and children will be tested on a Monday. Please also continue to encourage the children to read at home. Please remember that it is important to continue children's learning at home to consolidate learning and understanding.

CREATIVE PROJECTS

Last year, we had some fantastic creative projects and we encourage the classes to be better this term!!! There are some ideas to choose from listed below. If you have any other ideas it would be great to see them! Don't forget to bring the work into school to display in class.

Scavengers and Settlers	How Humans Work
<p>Create Stone Age weapons</p> <p>Make prints in the style of cave paintings</p> <p>Make a Stone Age necklace.</p> <p>Create 3D models of animals from the Stone Age.</p> <p>Create a "Cake Henge".</p> 	<p>Create a science booklet explaining the body system</p> <p>Create an articulated hand to explore how the skeleton works. https://www.pinterest.com/pin/257901516140438624</p> <p>Make a poster to promote healthy living</p> <p>Make a "breathing machine". https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/462393086727580614/</p> <p>Make a model to show how the ribs protect the organs</p>