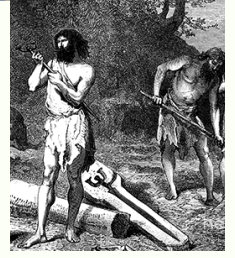


CLASS 3LW

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING DURING THIS HALF TERM.



THROUGH THE AGES - HOW DID LIFE CHANGE BETWEEN THE STONE AGE AND THE IRON AGE?

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division

We will be focusing on learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on 'Animal nutrition and the skeletal system including humans'.

The children will be looking at how what we eat affects our bodies and different types of diets. They will also explore how seasonal changes have an effect on animals diets.

We will also look at how skeletons have adapted to fit the diets of both animals and humans.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on what it means to be a Sikh in Britain today. The children will identify the core beliefs of Sikhism and be able to understand the teachings of the Gurus. They will also be making links between the Sikh scripture and Sikh's actions. As a class we will be asking questions about Sikhism and the importance of the Sikh holy book.

Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home daily for the children to continue to develop their reading skills, as well as books to encourage children to share stories with you and read for pleasure.

Please discuss these with your child and sign their reading record daily and return them to school with at least 3 reads every week.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Being Me in My World'. As a class we will be looking at making positive choices and how our actions can affect ourselves and others.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Character description
- Diary entry
- Narrative
- Instructions

We will be focusing on the text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. As a class we will be writing a character description of The Iron Man. Also, we will be writing a diary entry from the point of view of Hogarth, the boy who discovers the Iron Man.

The children will also be developing their grammar and punctuation skills throughout.

History

In History we will be focusing on life between the Iron Age and the Stone Age. Children will be looking at what life was like during these periods and how the discovery of metal changed lives. They will also compare how life was during the Iron Age, the Stone Age and the present.

Music

In Music children will be exploring the pulse and rhythm of a piece of music by listening to different songs. They will also be learning to improvise using singing and playing instruments.

Computing/Spanish

In Computing we will be focusing on computing systems and networks. ICT lessons will also have a large emphasis on the importance of E-Safety.

The children will also have the opportunity to learn Spanish.

Homework

Times table books and spellings books will be handed out each week. A times table test and spelling test will be completed on a Monday. Your continued support in preparing for these tests are gratefully appreciated.

Art

In art we will be focussing on 'Contrast and Complement.' The children will be studying colour theory and how to mix different types of colours. They will then apply the skills they have learnt to a final painting and discussing their application of colour.

PE

In PE the children will be focusing on developing their skills. PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday.

PE lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoons. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. Trainers are also required on this day.

If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me, please email me at l.waites1@stj.hslt.academy or call the school office if it is urgent.