

# Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 3, Spring 1

## English

Our core text is 'Stone Age Boy' - a great story about a boy who wakes up in the Stone age. We will begin by writing our own narratives based on this story, where we change the original story to include our own ideas.

Later in the half term, we will be writing a non-fiction based piece about Stone age animals.

## Mathematics

Our first unit is multiplication and division. Children will learn how to multiply numbers using the column method which requires fast recall of their multiplication facts. We will use concrete manipulatives to help us explore division- with exchanges and remainders.

In the final few weeks, we will study measurement, including measuring and comparing lengths and exploring perimeter.

## Science

In Science this half term, we are looking at what living things, including humans need in order to survive. We will be investigating the different food groups which make up a healthy balanced diet such as carbohydrates, protein and vitamins and why there are important. We will compare the diets and nutritional needs of different animals. We will then start to learn in more detail about the different parts of the human body and their role, answering questions such as 'why do we have a skeleton?' and 'what are the different organs in the body?'.

## History

In our topic 'Ancient Egypt' will cover all the fascinating and sometimes gory features of their ancient civilisation. First, we will place it within historical context and in comparison to our wider historical knowledge. We will use practical activities and artefacts to explore life in Ancient Egypt, including hieroglyphics, mummification and Ancient Gods.

## Computing

In our topic 'Programming – sequencing sounds' we will be exploring programming environments and begin to sequence a series of commands within coding.

## Art

We are using a range of techniques to explore art in prehistorical times. This will include making paint, creating cave art and sketching wildlife.

## PE

We will be learning to swim this half term. We need swimming kits on a Tuesday and Thursday.

## RE

We will be learning about how and where Muslims and Jewish people pray and the similarities and differences between these two religions.

## Music

This term we will be learning about pentatonic scales and melodies. We will be looking at Chinese music and making links to the Chinese new year with music.

## Growth Mindset

We are continuing to implement our growth mindset stars in school. We will be looking for kindness, curiosity, grit and determination, optimism, teamwork and self-control.

## Homework

Reading at least four times a week.

Practice weekly spellings.

TT Rockstars.

## British Values

Democracy

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