



YARDLEY GOBION CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



"Using the talents God gave us to achieve and shine"

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER- ICEBERG CLASS: SPRING 2022

THEME: The Flintstones: In this unit we will be seeing at what life was like during the Stone Age period, looking at historical evidence to discover how humans have evolved over time and sketching the stages of evolution. We will find out about and make models of Stone Age inventions and settlements, focusing on Skara Brae.

HOME LEARNING

In addition to our normal weekly homework expectations (reading, spelling and times tables) our Theme project will be researching cave dwellers and cave art. The POW suggestion sheet will be given with this week's homework (14.01). Along with these suggestions there is always the opportunity for children to add their own ideas to achieve their 5 POW points. The hand in date for this is Wednesday 2nd March.

Teacher to Home

Happy 2022, let's hope that it's a year of positivity and fun for all! It has been great to see everyone back to school eager for another packed term of learning.

We would also like to thank you for the lovely Christmas gifts that we received, they were all much appreciated.

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LEARNING: OUR FOCUS IN EACH AREA FOR THIS TERM IS;

AS MATHEMATICIANS:

Our first unit will focus on place value. Following this we will focus on: decimals, multiplication, division, addition, subtraction, shapes, time, coordinates and of course, the times tables.

TT Rockstars will continue to play a big daily part in our Maths this term, as the times table assessment at the end of Year 4 is now statutory.

AS WRITERS:

We will be focusing on reading and poetry, recounts and reports.

In addition to this we will continue developing research skills to help investigate the Stone Age.

We will be looking at key spelling patterns from the spelling curriculum, which will be reinforced by spelling homework (spelling shed) and weekly handwriting sessions. Children will be expected to use these words correctly in their written work (rather than being given a weekly test).

AS READERS:

Reading every night is really important to develop your skills.

We would like you to read 1 fiction book of your choice and 1 non-fiction book based on our theme (recording to take place on 'Goread'). Children can read books from home in addition to those from school.

AS SCIENTISTS: We will be investigating plants and their functions. Then we will investigate habitats and the classification of animals.

AS HISTORIANS: We will be investigating what cave people were like, stages of evolution and Stone Age inventions.

AS GEOGRAPHERS: We will be locating Skara Brae, looking for evidence of Stone and Iron Age settlements in the local area.

AS ARTISTS & DESIGNERS: We will be looking at cave paintings, learning skills of observational drawing and sketching (thinking about line and shadow) and making models (such as of settlements, arrowheads, pots, necklaces)

AS PHYSICAL LEARNERS: We will be learning about target games and gymnastics - our PE days are Monday and Thursday

AS MUSICIANS: We will be appraising and making music in different styles (from rap to rock!)

AS LINGUISTS: We will be learning about different animals in French.

FOR OUR MENTAL WELLBEING:

In PSHE we will be talking about 'Dreams and Goals' - thinking about our aspirations for the future, how to stay motivated when things go wrong and making new/refining plans to achieve our goals.

We will also continue to look at ways to manage our wellbeing with meditation and peer massage.

AS RELIGIOUS LEARNERS: We will be looking at Sikhism and what it is like to be a Sikh in Britain today. Later we will look at the Easter story and its meaning.