

We hope this topic letter will give you some insight into the work your child will cover during the autumn term.

Our inspiration for this term is based on Prehistoric Britain.

The key skills we will be focusing on are: how to be co-operative, independent and responsible, as well as organising our belongings and ourselves!

Literacy

This term in Literacy we will be basing our writing around the Stone Age using a range of different story books. They will be learning to identify how the author shows us a story is set in the past. The children will be learning how to write and identify simple, compound and complex sentences. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts when we find out and write about Skara Brae. Following our cinema visit to see 'Early Man' we will focus our writing around the film.

Maths

This term the children will learn to recognise the value of each digit in a four digit number and represent them in different ways. They will compare and order up to four digit numbers and learn to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. They will also learn to recognise roman numerals up to 1000. They will add and subtract up to four digit numbers using the column methods. We will be continuing to learn our x tables, consolidating our 4 and 8s and moving onto 6 and 7s.

Computing (I.C.T)

The children will be learning to combine text, graphics and pictures to create title pages and persuasive posters. They will learn how to cut pictures instead of copy and paste. We will continue to learn how to be safe online, discussing how to respond in different online scenarios. They will also using SCRATCH and learning how to use programming software.

Music

The children will be experimenting with different sounds. Following this, we will explore how we use our voices, creating our own song/rap. We will also be learning our Harvest and Christmas songs ready for the performance assemblies.

History

Children will be exploring a timeline of significant events that took place during the Stone Age to Iron Age period and the changes that have taken place. We will also be looking at each stage of Prehistoric man, as well as making comparisons to modern day life within the lesson.

R.E.

This half term the children will be learning about the faith of Judaism, we will be visiting a Synagogue to help them understand the Jewish faith and artefacts within a Synagogue. Around Christmas time, we will be learning how artists help us understand Christmas.

Art/ D&T

The children will focus on developing their skills of drawing and painting people and places. They will work with paint, pastels and chalk. They will study Prehistoric Cave Paintings.

P.E.

The children are very lucky to be taking part in a rugby programme with former England player Jason Robinson. In addition to this, they will also take part in team games to develop the skill of cooperation.

PSHE

At the beginning of the term we will be reviewing our school rules and setting ourselves new targets using our growth mind set. As well as creating a class growth mind set character to motivate us when learning. After half term, we will learn how to keep ourselves safe around electricity.

Science

Our science topics will be looking at state of matter - solids, liquids and gases followed by electricity after half term.

Ways in which you can help us:

- P.E. kits must be in school every day, as P.E. times may sometimes vary.
- P.E. will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. P.E. kits **must** be in for these days. Also, please remember to take out any earrings before the day if your child cannot do so themselves.
- Supporting children at home with reading, asking them questions based on the book they are reading, times tables practice, dictation and completing their learning log tasks.
- Please check their home/school learning diaries every night for important information.
- Please inform the class teacher if your child is going to be picked up by someone else.
- Please ensure your child is in school and on time every day; we hope to have 100% attendance in Owls and Swallows classes each term, this year and win top squirrel!
- Please remember to inform the school office of any changes of address, home telephone, mobile telephone number or any other emergency contact information.

Thank you for your continued support.
We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC term!!

Buckland Primary School

Stone Age to the Iron Age



Topic Letter for Parents

School Times:

Class starts at 8.50am and finish at 3.00pm

September 2018 - December 2019
Year 4

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