

Dear Year 3 parents

This term, our topic is entitled. 'Stone Age Rocks!' with a focus on early history, in particular the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. Science also plays a key part as we look at Rocks, fossils and soils.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20th April JK trip to Longley Lane recycling centre.

Friday 22nd April. Y3 parents and carers invited in to school to look at the children's work and books.

Monday 2nd May. School closed.

Thursday 5th May. Learn to Ride bicycle session.

Thursday 26th to Friday 27th May Castleton Residential Trip.

Science

The children will learn about the three main groups of rocks and how they are formed. They will attempt to recreate this in chocolate! They will learn how early ideas about prehistory were developed following discoveries by amateur palaeontologists such as Mary Anning, how fossils are formed and what they tell us about life in the past. Next they will examine soils and carry out comparative tests to discover the different elements that are in them.

Remember this term ends with our fantastic residential trip to Castleton.

Physical Education

Thursday afternoons with Mrs Buchanan and Mr Brownrigg will be dedicated to Athletics as the children hopefully get to enjoy some of the warmer weather playing competitive sports outdoors. Indoor sessions will continue with gymnastics. Swimming now begins AFTER the half-term break (details to follow)



Mathematics

Telling the time using digital and the more problematic analogue clocks will be a major focus for this half-term. Any support that you can provide, for example by talking about time and completing the homework activity will be much appreciated. We'll also cover 2D and 3D shape learning terms such as parallel, perpendicular and describing regular and irregular shapes according to their properties such as symmetry and the number of sides/edges, corners/vertices and faces.

English

The Littlenose stories of John Grant provide an opportunity to look at a number of stories by the same author within the theme of our topic. After listening to and examining the style of the stories and meeting the characters, the children will be expected to write a Littlenose tale of their own.

Spanish

The children will be learning the names of different sports in Spanish and asking and answering questions about which they prefer.

Computing

This term we are returning to the theme of coding by progressing through our PurpleMash scheme of work. Remember you can find out what your child is doing in PurpleMash by logging in at home using the details on their yellow test book/s.

History

The children will recognise how the discovery of metals and the establishment of agriculture led to the changes in how early Britons lived in the Bronze and Iron Ages. There will be an opportunity to recreate cave art and make a model iron age hut. We will make the link between Britain and the development of ancient civilizations studied at the start of the year.