

Autumn Term 2018 (B)
Year 3 and 4-Outstanding Owls!

Literacy

We will be reading and writing a range of text types-play scripts, non-chronological reports, discussion texts, poetry and stories from the past. The children have been asked to read to an adult for 10 mins Monday-Thursday (have their reading record signed and returned daily), I will listen to each child once per week. They will also have guided reading time in small groups with an adult on a rotation.

Talk homework may be set whereby all you need to do is 'talk'-some note-taking may be necessary. This will help support our writing sessions.

Numeracy

We will be following the New National Curriculum and the work will be differentiated for different ability levels. In addition to this we will complete mental maths activities, maths investigations and be learning our tables to 12. It would be beneficial if you could support the learning of the tables at home. Focus is to secure 2,5,10 in Year 3. The Year 4 pupils have been practising this for a year and will sit the National Tests next year for times tables. It is so important to continue to learn the tables set.

Science

Materials and their Properties: Rocks, Fossils and Soils

Dig deep and unearth a fascinating view of the rocks, soils and fossils above and below the ground with these 'Rocks, Fossils and Soils' lessons. Our class will find out about different kinds of rocks and what they can be used for, explore a variety of soils and find out how they are formed, discover the fascinating world of fossils, as well as undertaking a variety of experiments. This links well with our Stone Age topic.

Animals and Humans: Teeth, eating and digestion

This 'Eating and Digestion' unit, is a delicious collection of lessons that will help your child understand about the diets of different animals, as well as how humans eat and digest food. We will take a look at the journey of a Mars bar! OOOOH!

RE

Our focus this term will be Christianity looking at Christmas journeys and special foods in the religions of the world. This may involve some tasting sessions too!

History and Geography-combined this term as a humanities unit

Prehistoric Britain to the Stone Age

Journey across millions of years of prehistory with Year 3 and Year 4. 'The Prehistoric World' will spark their interest and get them questioning how palaeontologists and archaeologists find out what the world was like millions of years ago. They'll discover and explore dinosaurs, early man and Ice Age animals, as well as investigating what life was like in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We may also use films and clips to enhance our learning.

Art and DT

Our art and DT will be closely linked to our topic of the Stone Age people. Creating cave painting in charcoal and designing and creating Stone Age jewellery using clay. Messy, but fun!

PE

PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday when we are not swimming (YOKIDS this term). All children need to take part and have the correct kit- a different t-shirt from their day-wear, a pair of shorts (leggings/tracksuit bottoms if outdoor however, we will inform you of this if needed), pumps; no jewellery is to be worn and hair is to be tied back.

YOKIDS is Thursday morning and a PE kit is required also.

Swimming is on Thursday and again their own towels and swim bag are necessary. This is an excellent part of the curriculum and is £2. This is to be paid to the class teacher. This can be paid for weekly or per half term. Swimming will be on a rotation and we will be in the Spring term. (One piece costumes to be worn and no board shorts-tighter fitting swimwear for boys, at the request of the baths).

Baking

Each Owl team will bake once per half term. There will be a 50p payment for this activity and you will be informed when it will take place. The children bake with Mrs Robertson.

The Outstanding Owl class will also be working with Mrs Price in the morning and Mrs Robertson in the afternoon; Mrs Hodgkiss will cover PPA one afternoon per week. Small groups may be withdrawn for additional support, intervention or reading by the Owl Team Leaders.

I hope this has given you an idea as to what your child will be studying and any queries you have regarding this can be discussed at any time. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time,

S. V. Head

Stephanie Head and Owl Team
Outstanding Owls

Note:

Dinners £2.40 daily
Tuck shop to pay daily or weekly 20p per piece £1 for the week
Cool Milk is a sign up scheme and must be paid for online

