

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

Spring 1



Ideas for home learning

Investigate which materials are most durable – make a table to show your findings

Create a Stone Age recipe.

Watch a film based on a stone age period – such as “The Croods” or “Ice Age”.

Welcome to spring term, year 4! Our topic this term is Scavengers and Settlers. As part of this topic, we will know about the main characteristics of people and cultures that existed during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will know also about the main similarities and differences between societies that existed during these ages. We will understand that we can learn about the past using different sources. Finally, year 4 will create their model of Stonehenge using recycled materials.



The Goldilocks words are the key vocabulary the children will learn, understand and be able to use by the end of the topic. They are called Goldilocks words as they are not too easy, not too hard, but just right!

<i>Palaeolithic</i>	<i>Mesolithic</i>	<i>Neolithic</i>	<i>Nomadic</i>
<i>Hunter—gatherer</i>		<i>round house</i>	<i>Skara Brae</i>

Key messages

Year 4 will be taught athletics by class teachers this term.

Children should come dressed in PE kit on PE days. PE kit is a white top with black shorts or jogging bottoms.

4DO PE— Tuesday and Fridays

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Homework will be provided on Google Classroom, and also Bug Club and TTRS.

Additional Maths sheets will be provided.

PE

In PE we will be learning Gymnastics. We will be practising balances and counter – balances, exploring twists and turns and using gymnastic apparatus.

RE

In RE we will be exploring what it means to belong to the Christian community; the many different types of Christian places of worship and special ceremonies that take place. Finally how Christians try to show their love through their actions.

Science

In science our Topic will be Animals (including Humans)

- Learning about life cycles and what they are.
- Investigating the life cycle of a chosen animal through research.
- Identifying the seven signs of life of an organism.
- Exploring the variation of food chains and how plants and animals are linked.
- Researching the life stages of a human being.

Computing

This term we will be using our Computing time to create an app for parents to download at home. Pupils will be using child friendly software to develop the information pages that will be available on the app.

Music

With our Musitrax teachers we will be continuing to practise the basics of Samba Music, exploring new melodies and rhythms, playing untuned percussion instruments and playing brass instruments.

Scavengers and Settlers

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2021-2022

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Topic

This term our topic is Scavengers and Settlers. We will be learning about:

- How our earliest ancestors might have looked
- How they survived
- Where they settled and how they lived
- Learning about the Bronze age and Iron age
- Creating our own cave paintings.

Maths

In Maths we will be continuing to use a White Rose approach to learn about:

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions

We will also be continuing to prepare for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check in June

English

Our text this term is Ug, Boy genius of the Stone Age by Raymond Briggs. We will be using this text to inspire a range of fiction and non-fiction writing, including:

- Persuasive writing
- Poetry
- Narratives
- Descriptive writing
- Writing our own story from another character's viewpoint.