**Computing**

This half term the children will be creating scratch animations based around their topic.

**You can support this at home by trying out different children’s coding sites.**

**Science**

Our topic this half term Rocks and Fossils which links in with our history lessons. We will be learning about types of rocks and how fossils formed over millions of years.

**You can support your child by having a look for fossils and different rock types at the beach. How many can you find?**

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**Art/Design & Technology**

Our art topic this half term links to our history topic as the children will be exploring and creating Stone Age style cave art. We will explore how the people of the Stone Age created charcoal and paint in order to create their pictures and make our own using similar methods.

**You can support your child by exploring shade, tone and tint at home with paints, or by creating your own paints.**

**Music**

During Year 3, the children will be learning the recorder to develop their music reading skills.

They will also be learning about the genre ballads and having a go at composing their own ballad in the style of David Bowie.

**R.E.**

In RE the children will be learning about the holy trinity and the names of God.

**You can do research at home to learn about the names of Gods in other religions.**

**P.E.**

The children will be learning batting skills in our tennis lessons for outdoor PE this half term.

For indoor PE they will be improving their fitness with circuit training.

**You can support your child by practising their throwing and catching at home as well as getting out for walks.**

**PSHCE**

This half term our topic is ‘Being me in my world.’ The children will be encouraged to discuss the global community as well as looking at their place in their school community. We will also be creating our class charter.

**You can support your child by talking about their family community and who is there to support them.**

**History**

Our history topic this half term is Stone Age to Iron Age. We will learn about prehistoric Britain and how it changed the landscape forever.

We will learn to read timelines, find out about inventions and how archaeologists have been learning more about the past.

**To support your child, you can explore some of the free museums or local stone age monuments to see some artefacts up close.**

**French**

This half term the children will be introduced to the French language and will learn numbers, colours and greetings.

**You can support your child at home by encouraging them to use their skills. You can also download free apps such as Duolingo to practise as a whole family.**

**Maths**

This half term in maths we will be developing the skills of Year 2. We will start with Place Value of numbers up to 1000, then move on to addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers.

We will be focussing on the ability to apply their knowledge to problems and learn how to breakdown word problems to know how to approach them.

The children will also have a whole class focus of the 3x table this term, as well as reviewing 2, 5 and 10.

**You can support your child by helping them apply their knowledge to real life situations such as adding up the price of items in the shop to find the total.**

**English**

**Reading**

In Guided Reading sessions, the children will be learning to use inference, retrieval, and summarising to explore and understand larger texts. We will develop reading speed and vocabulary through twice weekly fluency lessons, as well as questioning skills in our comprehension lessons.

**To support your child, you need to be reading with them for at least 5 minutes every day and discussing the books with them. If you would like support with this or have questions, please speak to a member of the class team.**

**Writing**

We will be having daily handwriting lessons to focus on the formation and legibility of writing. Our first unit of work will be focusing on Year 3 Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation skills. We will then be focusing on both fiction and non-fiction writing based around our Long, Long-Ago topic.

**You can support your child by encouraging writing opportunities at home this could include writing shopping lists, keeping a diary, or writing stories.**