



Monkton CEP School



Ladybird Class

Newsletter

Term 4- Tribal Tales

'Every child is special'

English

For our new topic, Tribal Tales, we will be visiting the Bronze age boat in Dover Museum during week 2, finding out about how it was discovered along with the Bronze age burials discovered a very short distance from our school on the site of Thanet Earth. We will explore a range of non-fiction texts on the prehistoric period, writing information booklets all about Stonehenge. We will divert slightly from our topic during week 2 to take part in World Book. Then we will use our core text, Stig of the Dump by Clive King to write our own adventure stories, learning how to build suspense and write cliff hangers. Later in the term we will learn how to write formal letters, then explore poetry during our final week. For your information, I have also provided a higher-level writing task for our topic homework, should they wish to choose to complete this. This is designed to provide a challenge to children who are already higher-level writers or who wish to challenge themselves further.

Science

In Term 3 we will develop our working scientifically skills further by completing the Love to investigate units - 'do plants have legs?' and 1 'What are flowers for?'. This will build on prior learning and allow the children the opportunity to plan and carry out their own investigations.

Maths

The need to continue to improve our times table knowledge continues, both in class and for home learning. I have, however, given an option to those who are already totally secure in their times table knowledge, an alternative fraction practice booklet for home. In lessons we will begin by learning about fractions for the first 3 weeks, followed by decimals.

General

Welcome back to the start of Term 4, we hope you all had a restful half term break, despite the awful weather. Our topic for this term is Tribal Tales. We will be finding out about the prehistoric period which includes the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age, ending with the arrival of the Romans in Britain. Our second week is World Book week in school and Class 3 will be finding out about the African American author Becky Birtha, as well as taking part in a creative writing workshop by the author Katy Chalk whose books include The History Sphere. There will be an opportunity to purchase her books which will be dedicated and signed.

ICT

Following a recap on how we stay safe when online both at home and at school, which builds upon Safer Internet day last term, we will be refining our ability to use the internet for research linked to our topic of Tribal Tales.

RE

In RE we will focus our learning on the Salvation, exploring the key question, 'Why do Christians remember the events of Holy week every year?'

PE

The children will work with Team Theme on a Tuesday afternoon developing their netball skills, continuing on into cricket club after school.

Foundation subjects

History- The prehistoric period- Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Who were they? What was life like then? What evidence still exists today?

Geography- Human and physical geography- using maps and aerial images, searching for evidence of how the land was used in prehistoric times.

Art- Neolithic art; Iron age jewellery

Design Technology- Tool design and making; building structures

French - French- Portraits- colours and body parts

Music - class show of Treasure Island, learning and performing a range of songs

PSHE- Don't rub it in, rub it out._ Diversity lesson- Britain- Who are we really? What influences us?

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
systematic	prehistoric	fraction	information
evidence	archaeologist	numerator	glossary
accurate	artefact	denominator	technical vocabulary
measurements	barrow	equivalent	sub-headings
conclusion	excavation	simplify	formal and informal language

Websites

Topic- <https://www.dovermuseum.co.uk/Home.aspx>

Science- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqkk7ty>

English- <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stonehenge/>

Maths- <https://trockstars.com/> - Times Table Rock Stars

Fractions- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhdwxnb>

Special days/ Come join us

- Week 1- Launch of new Buster's Book Club reading challenge- more details to follow
- Wed 26th Feb- Parent consultations from 1:00pm
- Friday 28th Feb- final Forest school- please bring in outdoor clothes and wellington boots/old shoes
- Week 2- Mon 2nd March - World Book week
- Mon 2nd March- creative writing workshop with author Katy Chalk
- Tue 3rd March- 8:40am until 9:10am- parents invited to come in and read with your children- please could we ask that all visitors have left by 9:10am so we are able to begin lessons, many thanks
- Thur 5th March- World Book Day- all welcome to come dressed as a character from a book. This day will end with a costume parade at 2:30pm with a prize for the most creative costume
- Fri 6th March- Class trip to Dover Museum
- Thur 26th March- Full dress rehearsal of Treasure Island to the school
- Fri 27th March- performance to parents/carers of Treasure Island- 2:00 pm, doors open at 1:40pm
- Mon 30th March- Rock Steady concert 2:30pm
- Wed 1st April- End of term