

Home School Liaison

Rigby

Autumn Term 2

Mrs Standrell, Mrs Djemai, Mrs Bolton and Mrs Barker-Gaskell



Topic: Tribal Tales.

Recommended Websites: Times Table Rockstars, Hit the Button, BBC Bitesize, Prodigy Maths

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Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum overview is on the school website).

Reading & Writing: This term we will be covering a variety of writing styles. In Year 4, we will be focusing on our reading text 'The First Drawing' by Gerstein 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'. In Year 3, we will be focusing on our reading text 'The Green Children' by Kevin Crossley-Holland and 'Greenling' by Levi Pinfold. From our reading texts, we will be developing our inference skills, answering key questions and researching new vocabulary. We will also be describing characters, writing a 1st person narrative, sequencing key events and writing a recount.

Reading in school is an important part of the day, the children spend time reading each day and complete age appropriate comprehension questions during our guided reading sessions.

We will also read our class novel together at the end of the day and discuss what we have read. The children will also have time provided to enjoy reading for pleasure.

Mathematics: This half term our focus will be:

Year 4: Multiplication and Division and Measurement.

Year 3: Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division.

Home Learning:

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children read a separate text in their English lessons.

Spelling: Spellings will be given out every Monday, the children need to learn the spelling rule and also be able to put these words into a sentence

Times Tables:

By the end of Year 3, children should know their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

By the end of Year 4, children should know all of their times tables to 12.

At the end of Year 4 children will be tested on their times table knowledge.

All children should try to use Times Table Rock Stars daily, to secure their times table knowledge.

RE: Christmas, Exploring the symbolism of Light.	We will look at how religions celebrate using light. Pupils will gain an understanding of the Christian belief that Jesus is 'The Light of the World'. They will also explore the multi-faceted metaphor of bringing light into people's lives.
Computing:	Computing will take place for Year 4 on a Thursday afternoon with Mrs Bolton and on a Wednesday with Mrs Jenkinson in Year 3. This term, we will continue to look at Coding and creating control simulations. We will also be looking at the importance of Online Safety.
Science: Animals and Humans	This unit teaches the importance of the right type and amount of nutrition as well as the functions of skeletons and muscles. All children should be able to: 1. Understand that plants and animals obtain food in different ways. 2. Identify the right types and demonstrate they understand the right amounts of nutrients for animals including humans. 3. Name the different types of skeletons as well as identify and categorise animals based on the type of skeleton it has. 4. Identify the main bones in the body and how a skeleton protects, supports and helps the body to move. 5. Explain how pairs of muscles work together to enable movement. We will also have opportunity to research questions about the topic, creating a fact file.
History: The Stone Age	We will be learning about the Stone Age, looking at early settlements, timelines, buildings, landmarks, diet, clothing and how Stone Age people migrated. We will also going on a scavenger hunt and creating Stone Age tools.
Geography	We will be looking at the geographical changes of the landscape in Britain during the Stone Age Period. We will research archaeological excavations.
Art & Design:	Art & Design will take place with Mrs Bolton for both Years 3 and 4. We will be focusing on our Christmas Art and looking at art during the Stone Age period.
Design & Technology:	DT will take place with Mrs Bolton for both Years 3 and 4. We will investigate and analyse a range of existing products. We will be creating Stone Age tools and designing clay models and pottery.
Music: Ukulele and glockenspiel	Music will take place on Thursday for Year 3, they will be learning to play the glockenspiel this half-term. Music will take place on Friday for Year 4, they will be learning to play the Ukulele. This will be taught by Mr Cairns.
PSHE: Confident Me Programme	We will be continuing with our 'Confident ME' Programme. Updates about the topic are sent home with our weekly 'Confident Me' newsletter.
PE:	PE will take place on a Wednesday and Friday. Friday afternoon is taken by West Lancashire Sports Partnership. Please remember your PE kits, including outdoor kits.

Reminders:

PE: PE takes place on Wednesday and Fridays. Children are expected to wear PE kit consisting of a white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of black pumps. These should be named and kept in a drawstring bag. PE kits are returned before every holidays to be washed and should be returned to school on the day we return from holidays.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform and look smart. All items of clothing should be named. Shoes should be sensible and black. Please ensure children have weather appropriate clothing as children go outside as often as possible. Hair accessories should be consistent with the school uniform colours i.e. navy blue and grey.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance and punctuality are extremely important. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please notify Chrissy. Rigby's class start time is 8.55am and finish time 3.25pm. **If your child is late then they must enter school via the school office.** Termly, 100% Attendance is celebrated at the last Assembly of term and at the Leaver's Assembly at the end of the school year.

Parking: Parking in the school car park is strictly prohibited at all times. Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking on Back Lane or in the village.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

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