

Class 2 Newsletter – Spring 2021

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all managed to have a well-earned rest over the Christmas holidays. Although our Spring term did not quite get off to the start we were hoping for, the children have once again taken it in their stride and continued to amaze us every day! Many of you are keeping in contact through Seesaw where all the activities for the week will be uploaded. This will take place on a Monday morning so that you can choose the best time to complete the activities during the week.



We are extremely proud of our class - every child tries their best and we couldn't ask for more!

Our topic over the next few weeks is The Savage Stone Age! Be prepared to travel back in time as we learn about what life was like for early humans!

English

Our class text for the first half term is 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. This is a wonderful book and we hope the children will thoroughly enjoy getting to know the characters and storyline. We will be enhancing our reading comprehension and vocabulary skills each week as we explore this and other books. The class text will be available for children to access online via Seesaw. Class 2: we would also like you, when you have the time, to read other books at home too. Don't forget to tell us how you're getting on, what you're reading and what you would recommend to others.



Maths

In Maths, we are continuing the White Rose Maths framework to support children's progress. We will be furthering children's understanding of the four operations both in written and mental form in a variety of contexts. These skills will be applied to situations they might come across in everyday life and problem-solving activities. For children to achieve, they will need a sound understanding of their times tables facts; these have been set by us on TTRS and we would like the children to practise as often as possible.

Science

We will look at growth, basic needs, exercise, food and hygiene as well as nutrition. Alongside which, we will be learning about the transportation of water and nutrients in the body, and the muscle and skeleton system of humans and animals.

History & Geography

We will learn about the key changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including key events in the past that are significant nationally and globally. We will also use a wide range of geographical

sources in order to investigate places and patterns and identify Stone Age settlements and stone circles using aerial photographs.

IT & Computing

This term, we will: -

- Use search engines effectively
- Be discerning in evaluating digital content
- Respect individuals' and intellectual property
- Use technology responsibly, securely and safely.

We are currently using the Purple Mash online platform to support children's understanding of computing. Purple Mash logins were sent out to children at the start of term – if you need a password reminder or reset, please email the office.

Art/Design Technology

Linking to our Savage Stone Age topic, we will research and recreate cave paintings and discover how ancient humans created colour for artwork before recreating our own artwork using colours from the natural materials we have made.

R.E

We will be asking, 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' Children will be able to recognise symbols of belonging from their own experience and think about why symbols of belonging matter to believers. We will also be learning examples of ways in which believers express their identity and belonging within faith communities.

Music



In music, we will be learning to listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory. We will also be using our voices expressively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

P.E

Class 2 children in school will have P.E sessions on a Wednesday with Mrs Hall. Please could children continue to come to school in their P.E kits on this day. They will be focusing on Multi-Skills and Hockey.

Additional activities:

If children would like to do any additional activities, we would recommend looking at Purple Mash where there are a range of games and information covering all the subjects in the curriculum.

TTRockstars is another website where children can practise their times tables and their mental maths under the title 'Numbots'.



Any reading the children can do at home would be great. If you need any reading books or would like a recommendation, please contact us.

If there are any questions or queries about the online learning, access or logging onto websites, please get in touch through school or on Seesaw and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards, Mrs Collins & Mrs Edenbrow