

Year 4 Autumn Topic

The children in Year 4 will be studying the topic...

'Footprints from the Past - The Stone Age'.

Within this topic we will be looking at when Stone Age people lived, how they lived and the changes that occurred during that period of history.

As literacy specialists we will write in a range of forms, including recount, non-chronological writing, explanation writing, and story.

We will use our speaking and listening skills to take part in presentations.

Grammar, spelling and handwriting will all be taught both discreetly and within our Literacy and topic work.

As scientists we will be studying 'animals including humans'. We will learn about the digestive system, nutrition, types and functions of teeth, food chains and skeletons and muscles. We will plan and carry out investigations using our questioning, predicting, fair testing, recording and concluding skills.

As historians we will study the chronology of the Stone Age and look at how our knowledge of the past is constructed. As part of this we will find out about cave paintings and have a go at producing some. We will find out what Stone Age people ate, what their homes were like and places of historical importance such as Skara Brae and Stone Henge.

Believe in yourself

The children will be encouraged to believe they can do it, not to be afraid of 'mistakes' and to 'have a go'.

Show Respect

Children will share and value each other's work.

Be Curious

The children will be asking questions that they want to answer together.

Embrace Community

We will taking part in a harvest service at the church (which the children will also bake for).

The big idea: Through the topic Footprints from the Past - The Stone Age, we will find out more about the chronology of pre-history and how people lived in those times. We will approach our learning through literacy, art and music.

Hook: Drama - you wake up on a hill with absolutely nothing. How will you survive?

Enrichment activities: survival activities

Outcome: A topic afternoon where we share all of our knowledge and final products with our friends around the school.

As mathematicians we will follow the expectations of the National Curriculum for Year 3/4. We will explore properties of numbers and place value. We will use the four maths operations in calculating and begin to use them in the context of problems, puzzles and questions. We will be having a strong focus on multiplication and division with the aim of knowing all of our times tables.

As athletes we will learn new skills and take part in invasion games.

As musicians we will develop our skills in playing together, performing simple rhythm patterns and rhymes and begin to record our ideas using simple notation.

As Artists we will design and create artwork with a focus on colour. We will also learn how to use a sketch book to record and explore ideas.