

AUTUMN TERM IN LOWER SCHOOL

Our Autumn term started with three weeks based around Oliver Jeffers' 'Here We Are' book. This was to get the children used to school life again as they completed a range of activities and lessons from each different curriculum area.

History/Geography/Forest School: During our Autumn Term Topic, we will be focussing on the stone age through to the iron age, creating timelines to visualise the variation of time throughout prehistory. The children will research Skara Brae (a stone-built neolithic settlement in Scotland) to compare and contrast life throughout prehistory. This year, we are fortunate to be able to offer all classes a weekly forest school slot, where they can build on class learning in a more explorative outdoor environment. The children will participate in a number of activities, which will include building shelters and creating their own neolithic settlement using materials they can find in the forest school area. Building on their settlement learning, they will explore the lives of those who lived in prehistoric times, by weaving, making pots and creating artwork on stone and wood using berries, fruits and leaves.

English: This term, the children will build their knowledge of figurative language to support their poetry writing. After, we will create a set of instructions on how to make a stone age drinking vessel. We will use 'Talk for Writing' to learn the instructions and understand the structure and punctuation involved in a set of instructions. The children will then perform and record their work to improve their oracy skills. To finish the term, the children will create a non-chronological report to showcase their understanding of the Era.

Maths: The Autumn Term will build on the children's knowledge of Place Value and support their understanding of the four operations (+ - x ÷), including mental and formal methods and support their explanations when using their reasoning skills to answer word problems.

Science: The children will be using our stone age to iron age topic to study rocks. They will be looking at different types of rocks, whether they are natural or man-made and how to differentiate between varying types. In addition, we will be completing our animals including humans topic looking at human teeth and distinguishing the vital roles each type of tooth has.

RE: In RE, we will be looking at Peter the Fisherman and the story of the Good Samaritan. Later, we will focus on the Christmas story and the nativity.

PSHE: The children will be reflecting on their role in our society and looking at the rights, rules & responsibilities that they have.

ART: The children will be trying out different painting techniques including spray painting. The children will also study different artists and create art in their respective styles.

MUSIC: Children will be using our Charanga programme to delve into the song 'Mamma Mia by ABBA. They will look at how the tempo, beat and rhythm can create different moods and types of music.

PE: The children will have the opportunity to take part in PE sessions (mostly outdoor), to build on ball skills. They will learn different techniques for throwing and catching as well playing games to practise these skills.

ICT: As well as using ICT throughout the curriculum, during ICT lessons, the children will focus on typing skills in Year 3 and animation in Year 4 through Purple Mash.

LANGUAGES: All of the children in Lower School will be receiving French lessons delivered by the class TA and live Italian lessons.

HOMEWORK: Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and handed in on a Thursday and this is to be completed through the use of *Google Classroom*. If there are any problems, speak to your child's class teacher who should be able to resolve the issue.

Many thanks

Lower School Teachers