

Who first lived in Britain?

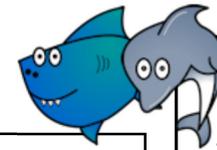
We start the year with an exciting history topic, travelling back in time to the Stone Age. We find out about early survival skills and how farming first began. Then we move on to studying changes in Britain through the Bronze and Iron Ages.



After half term our Geography topic will be 'Around the World'. We will be locating and researching places in the U.K. and drawing comparisons with other countries such as France and U.S.A.



Year 3 Autumn Term



English

Throughout the autumn term, we will be writing stories including some with historical settings to link with our topic work. There will be some new grammar and punctuation skills to learn including the use of inverted commas to punctuate speech. Spelling continues to be an important focus, beginning with the introduction of the Year 3 & 4 list of commonly misspelt words (the complete list of 100 words can be found in your child's planner).

Please read regularly with your child as well as supporting with spelling.

Art One of our projects this term will be to use natural materials, creating our own cave paintings.

R.E. Our themes will focus on Christian bible stories and the Christmas story. We will also find out about the Hindu festival of Diwali.

P.S.H.E. Our topic 'Healthy Minds and Bodies' will link closely to our Science work this term.

French We will begin to learn simple greetings and practise basic conversational skills.

I.C.T. Our focus will be coding and programming a game using Scratch Junior. Online safety is an on-going theme throughout the year.

P.E. This term we will be developing our gymnastics skills and ball skills: throwing and catching as well as playing striking and fielding games.

In **Music** the children will learn to play the clarinet with our specialist teacher Mrs Lyon.



Maths

This term we will be developing our number skills with lots of practical 'place value' activities exploring hundreds, tens and ones.



A big focus in both Year 3 and 4 is on learning multiplication facts. In order to prepare for the National Curriculum testing next year we will be focusing on these facts in Year 3:

2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8 and 11 times tables

Science

Challenge!



Can you run faster than Usain Bolt?

Our scientific enquiry will be to explore the effects of exercise on the body. As part of our sprinting challenge we will record results and present data in different ways. We will find out about the importance of a healthy diet and the purpose of the skeleton and muscles in both humans and other animals.