

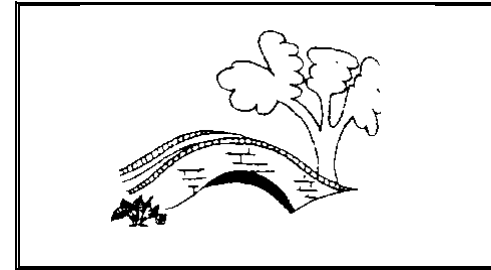
## Possible ways of helping your child with their work this half term:

- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

### Useful Websites:

- <http://www.kidrex.org/>  
a brilliant child friendly search engine.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk>  
explore Prehistoric times.
- <https://superbrainybeans.com/history/stone-age/>  
An excellent gateway to a number of fun Stone Age websites for children.

## Whixall Church of England Primary School and Nursery



### Mayfly Class Curriculum Information for Parents



### The Stone Age Autumn Term 2021

## **English**

Our English work this term will be closely linked to our topic work about the Stone Age. We will be inspired by a variety of texts chosen to link with our history work, both fiction and non-fiction. The children will be encouraged to write in different styles using the knowledge they have gained about this time period and the appropriate use of punctuation and grammar. In addition, we will have daily handwriting and spelling sessions as well as daily guided reading. As ever, the children are encouraged to read at home to help support their development as readers.

## **Mathematics**

We will begin the term by revising and developing our understanding of the number system. We will extend our knowledge of the place value system to three and four-digit numbers and look at ways of calculating mentally and using simple written methods. In addition to these lessons, we will have a daily mental maths session in which essential facts will be revised and learned, such as number bonds and times tables facts.

## **Science**

The first half of the term will be spent finding out about 'Rocks and Fossils'. We will explore the properties of different types of rocks and look at how they were formed. We will also be studying fossil formation and making our own fossil. In the second half of the term, we will be looking at 'States of Matter' and exploring the difference between, solids, liquids and gases. Wherever possible, these concepts will be explored using a practical and investigative way of working.

## **Humanities**

Our topic this term is a history topic and will look at the earliest times of human existence, the Stone Age, and follow the development of human life through to the Iron Age and Celtic culture. The children will explore this time period by studying artefacts, artwork and participating in educational visits.

## **P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)**

We will begin the term by thinking about 'Being Me in my World' in which we develop social skills, cooperation and a sense of pride in our achievements. We will then look at 'Celebrating Difference' in which we consider that everyone is different and that this is our strength as humans. We will look at some of the ways we can solve problems and respond appropriately to social issues such as bullying.

## **P.E.**

This term our PE lesson is on Fridays. We will begin by using our outdoor space and make use of the better weather to develop skills associated with team games, such as football, netball and tennis. We will then move indoors and explore movement and dance linked to our topic.

## **Art and Design**

We are inspired by our topic for art and design this term and will initially look at cave art. We will develop the skills through study and replicating the artwork left behind by our ancestors, creating our own 'hunt' scene as a final piece. We will also look at the pottery of the Beaker people and explore ways of constructing our own clay pots.

## **Design Technology**

In our Design technology lessons, we will be thinking about how levers and pivots can help us create a moving picture book about Stonehenge.

## **R.E.**

In the first half term, the children will investigate what is known about Jesus through history, the Gospels and people's own interpretations of Jesus in art. The Children will look at how Jesus is represented in art in different periods and places and think about what this shows. For the second half term, the children will explore the symbolism used in everyday life and in the Christmas Story.

## **Computing**

In our computing lessons we will be considering 'My Online Life', during which we will discuss the children's experiences of being 'online' and measures we can all take to keep us safe when doing so.

## **Music**

We are very fortunate to have input from the Shropshire Music Service this term which means Year 3 and 4 will progress to learn to play the ukulele.

## **Spanish**

We continue to receive fantastic support from Mrs Acs for our Spanish lessons throughout the year.