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8th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have all had a very restful half-term holiday and are ready for our next topic in school which is The Stone Age.

Our School Week

Your child's teachers for this year will be Mrs Darby and Mr Riley, assisted by Miss Deakin and Miss Haines. Miss Deakin will be working with the class as she trains to be a teacher alongside Mrs Darby and Mr Riley. Mrs Darby will teach the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and all day on Thursdays. Mr Riley will take the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and on Friday after swimming. Miss Kay will continue to teach PE on a Tuesday afternoon. Details on swimming will arrive in a separate letter.

If you have any concerns, questions or queries that you would like to discuss with either of us then please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the school day. You can also make an appointment to see us via Mrs Eckersley in the school office.

Forest School

Forest school sessions have now ended for Ash class as Miss Ellis will now be working with Oak class for this term.

Reading Books

As before, make sure your child has their reading book and reading diary with them every day. Please could you support us by reading with your child as often as possible, ideally daily. Please talk to your child about what they have read so they can show their understanding of the text. In school, we will teach the strategies that enable your child to read for meaning but the more your child practises these skills out of school, the more confident they will become.

Homework

The children will have spellings and times tables facts to learn each week, and these will be tested every Monday. Spellings and times tables tests will be recorded in books which will be sent home every Monday, so that you can track your child's results each week, and practise any that your child got wrong. In addition to this, the children will be having a 'pic and mix' style homework set each half term with a range of tasks related to the learning taking place in the classroom. This homework will help deepen the children's understanding of different areas of the curriculum as well as offering children the opportunity to make some independent choices within their learning. Children should also be encouraged to read daily at home and talk about what they have read with an adult, to support their developing literacy skills. All homework (apart from reading) will be issued in the second week of term.

Water bottles

We encourage the children to drink water often in class. Please send your child to school with a full water bottle each day. It is important that water bottles are filled before the children come to school, so that we have plenty of time for our morning tasks. The children are welcome to refill their





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bottles if they finish them before hometime. Please ensure your child takes their water bottle home at the end of each day to be washed, and do not send your child in with any fruit squash - on the one hand, when spilt, it can cause damage to children's books but there is also evidence that drinking squash from water bottles can cause damage to developing teeth and gums.

As ever, we very much appreciate your support as we work together to develop your child's learning but if you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to come in to talk to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Darby and Mr Riley





Termly Planning Overview- Ash class - spring 1

Topic – The Stone Age

Enterprise opportunity – Create a Stone Age museum

<p>Writing We will use our new texts - Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura and How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth to write historical stories and instructions.</p> <p>Spelling, punctuation and grammar Our focus will be identifying nouns, using apostrophes in contractions, adverbials of time and place and command sentences.</p>	<p>Maths In Year 2, we will learn to add and subtract 2-digit numbers and tens; use the inverse between addition and subtraction; learn our multiplication and division facts for the 5 x tables; measure using rulers, scales, thermometers and containers; tell and write the time to quarter past and to the hour; compare and sort 2D and 3D shapes and interpret data. In Year 3, we will learn our multiplication and division facts for the 8 x tables; count in tenths; read the time to the nearest minute; record time in seconds, minutes, hours; use the language of pm, am, o'clock; identify angles that are greater than or less than a right angle and interpret data.</p>	<p>Reading We will continue to develop our comprehension skills and read a range of factual texts about the Stone Age. Children will develop their comprehension and prediction skills.</p>
<p>Science We will learn about rocks and fossils and what they can tell us about the past.</p>		<p>RE In our RE work, we will learn about what different religions believe about God.</p>
<p>Computing We will work with ipads to find out about primitive art and create designs of our own.</p>	<p>Art and Design We will look at cave art and how it was created. We will also use clay to make some small items.</p>	<p>PE The children will start swimming lessons from Friday 18th January and will also be doing gymnastics with Miss Kay on a Tuesday afternoon.</p>
<p>Music Using percussion instruments, we will make simple music with patterns and rhythms.</p>	<p>PSHE and Values Trust - we will learn about people we can trust and how we learn to trust people.</p>	<p>History <i>We will learn about the stone age and how people lived. We will learn about the technology they developed.</i></p>



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