

English

In the first three weeks we will be celebrating the 100th Birthday of Roald Dahl. Our text focus will be '**Fantastic Mr Fox**'.

Following this, we will focus on the texts of and '**Ug: Stone Age Boy**' and the Ted Hughes classic '**The Iron Man**' to complement our topic work.

In the second half of the autumn term, we will use the information text '**Pebble in my pocket**' written by an award winning science writer to go alongside our unit on the 'Power of the earth'.

In addition, spelling, punctuation and grammar activities will be embedded.

RE

Two areas will be covered in RE this term. The first will be 'Creation and the Natural World' and the second will be 'Why do Christians celebrate Advent' and 'The Christmas Story'.

PSHE and SEAL

In PSHE we will cover the units 'New Beginnings' followed by 'Getting on and falling out'. In social, emotional aspects of learning, we will look at Stereotypes and Hygiene and Health over the course of the year.

Our Christian values that we will be focussing on as a whole school will be 'Courage' and 'Peace'.

Maths

The objectives delivered will be child led and personalised to your child's individual targets. Each week we will analyse the children's difficulties and plan lessons to meet your child's needs. We will have a mental maths focus each Friday.

Art

As part of our unit of work on the Stone Age and the Iron Age, the children will create cave paintings, using mixed media.

We will also teach children how to colour mix and collage, using bonfire night and dynamic earth as a stimulus.

The Stone Age to the Iron Age and Dynamic Earth. (Year 3 & 4)

Topic Work

Our main topic focuses on the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Some of the areas that we will cover will be

- late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers, e.g. Skara Brae.
- Bronze Age religion, technology and travel, e.g. Stonehenge.
- Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture.

In the second half term, our focus will be the 'Dynamic Earth', finding out about volcanoes, earthquakes and Tsunamis.

I.C.T.

We will be looking at databases and learning how to use them and interrogate them. Following this, we will learn about emails; what they are used for and how they are written.

Science

In the first half term we will be looking at the theme of **Rocks**. The children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. We will learn in simple terms how fossils are formed. We will also recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

This unit will be followed by the topic **Forces and Magnets**.

P.E.

A specialist sports coach will be working with the Year 4 class in the first half term to teach **football** skills and other **invasion games**.

In the second half term, we will be developing our skills in **gymnastics** and **multi-skills**, working on our agility, balance and coordination. This will be provided by Chris Wright.

