

Welcome to the new academic year and your new classes. We hope that this overview provides you with a little more information about the subjects we will be learning about this term.

Our history topic this term is Stone Age to Iron Age. We will be using our history skills to answer the historical enquiry question - *What were the benefits of a settler lifestyle compared to a nomad?* We will be using our skills of chronology to place these ages on a timeline as well as looking at a variety of sources to explore what these tell us.

In geography, children will be working on their map work skills, looking at the UK and Europe. Children will use maps and atlases to locate countries of the UK and Europe.

In the first half term our science topic will be Forces and Magnets. Children will look at different types of magnets, magnetic fields and explore the forces between two objects. States of matter will be studied in the second half term. Children will compare, group and understand the differences between solids, liquids and gases. They will look at condensing, evaporating, freezing and melting, and the water cycle.

Our PSHE themes are Think Positive and Safety First. As part of Think Positive, children will learn how to cope changes & think about how to manage our emotions. We will also be looking at mindfulness techniques. Safety first helps children to think about everyday risks, hazards and dangers and what to do in risky or dangerous situations.

In R.E. we will be learning about Buddhism in the first half term, finding out about who founded the religion and discussing the main beliefs and some special Buddhist festivals. For the second half term, we will be looking at 'People of Faith', finding out about different people from all 6 main religions.

Fruit and Vegetables will be the theme of our art lessons, children will be sketching and painting different items. Children will look closely at the shape and colours when completing their art work.

For Design technology, the children will learn how to make and use different links and leverages to produce a festive greetings card. Children will research products, investigate different links and leverages before making and finally evaluating their design.

In Computing, children will be learning how to touch type and learning about the importance of staying safe online.

In P.E., children will cover gymnastic units 'Symmetry and Asymmetry' and 'Bridges'. In our outdoor lessons, children will be taught the skills of football. Swimming lessons will take place for 4P this term. Dates and more information will be sent out separately.

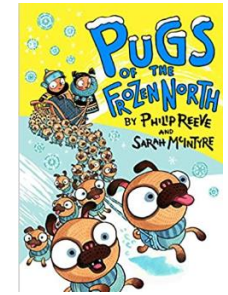
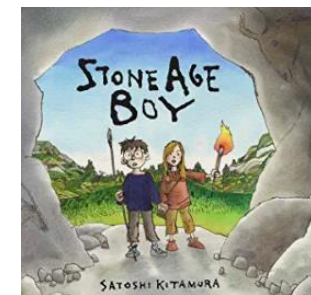
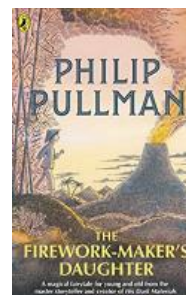
**Children need to come to school in their P.E. uniform on their allocated P.E. days. Black pumps need to be kept in school for P.E. days. For indoor P.E. children need to wear shorts, this is to keep them safe if using apparatus, these can be worn under their jogging bottoms.**

The children will have weekly music lessons with Mr Foster. The children will be learning to play the recorder throughout the year, if children have their own recorders they can bring this in for the lessons, which will all take place on Wednesdays.



As our daily class book, we will be enjoying the texts 'Firework Maker's Daughter' to start us off this year. We will then move on to 'Stone Age Boy' and 'Pugs of the Frozen North'.

In our Literacy lessons, we will be using a range of short videos and visual prompts to form the basis of our writing lessons. We will also be continuing our SPAG lessons, focusing on the essential skills children need to know in Years 3 and 4 to make their writing wonderful. We will continue to learn spellings based on the National Curriculum spelling rules. We will be using purplemash to support children with this and also Spelling Shed which the children can access at home. More information will be sent out about this shortly.



Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult. Please sign your child's diary to help them earn their reading rewards.
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding;
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails, get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- Supporting your child with their spellings, lists to learn will be sent home weekly in your child's diary.



In Maths, we will be covering all areas of the curriculum following the White Rose Maths Scheme.

Please continue to help your child by:

- Encouraging them to practise their tables. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . All children have a TTRockstars log in and password. Maths teachers will set weekly sessions on this for the children to complete at home.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, telling the time, laying cards and board games, which use number, time or money etc.

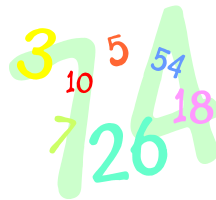
Children will have Maths homework set on MyMaths and TTRockstars each week. The children's passwords for these are in their diaries. When logging on to MyMaths initially, the children will need to use:

Username: amblecote

Password: square246

Then their individual passwords.

**As always if you need to contact us or have any questions, please contact us via ClassDojo.**



As always, thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with the children in Years 3 and 4.

Miss Skirving, Mr Pitts, Mrs Brannon & Mrs Cartwright



## Year 3 & 4 Autumn Term 2022

