

Welcome back to the final term of the year! This term Dahl class have a new topic of 'Stone Age to Iron Age.' The children started this term with a walk up Brent Knoll and discovered how the hill used to be a fort in the Iron Age. I would sincerely like to thank you for supporting your child with the 'Fantastic 40 reading challenge.' It has been truly wonderful to not only see an improvement in reading, but to see so many children inspired about what they are reading and sharing new information and stories on a daily basis. This term we will be starting a new challenge of 'Countdown 50.' There are so many benefits to children reading regularly; improved vocabulary, fluency, comprehension and writing. Therefore, please may I ask you to support your child with this challenge at home over the coming term. We all have a shared commitment to every child's learning so if we can offer any further support please do not hesitate to contact us.

Science

This half term the Year 3s will be learning about 'plants', while the Year 4s will be focussing on 'animals including humans.' Following the May half term the children will be using Science time to focus on the Jigsaw unit called 'Changing Me.'

Maths

This term, both year groups will be learning about fractions. The year 4s will be introduced to decimals and examine how they relate to their knowledge of fractions. As the term progresses the children will be developing their understanding and skills relating to money and forms of measure- length, mass, time and volume. Dahl class will also be continuing to build upon their knowledge and understanding of times tables.

English

This term the children will be focussing on using our topic to inspire both fiction and non-fiction writing. We will also be looking at reading comprehension; the types of questions that could be asked, using different texts and forming correct answers that are recorded in full, interesting sentences. The children will also be using 'The Iron Man' text to produce their own poems. Towards the end of this term, the class will be looking at the works of Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake.

R.E.

This term the children will be developing their understanding of Christianity by exploring the timeline of Bible events.

Art/DT

The children will be creating their own versions of cave paintings during the next half term. They will also be designing and making their own tools and instruments using natural items.

Music

The children of Key Stage 2 will be exploring percussion and using instruments to create music.

At Home

As ever the relationship between school and home plays an integral part of children's learning and happiness. Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that supporting your child with their spellings, reading, number bonds/times tables and homework is invaluable. You will also notice an increase in homework this term to prepare the children for their next year group. *The government requirement is that all year 4 children should be confident up to their 12 times table.

Humanities

Naturally the topic of 'Stone Age to Iron Age' prompts many questions; therefore there will be plenty of opportunities to explore history and geography over the next term. The children will look at daily life and compare the times to both modern day as well as Roman times. The class will look at geographical features and what would be considered essential for settlements. We are looking forward to keeping this topic as practical as possible, being outdoors and enjoying the summer weather.

Physical activities.

On Wednesday afternoons the children will be participating in tennis, rounders and athletics with our sports coach Mr Giblet. The children will also have five sessions of swimming on Friday afternoons.