

ENGLISH

Information Texts

The children will study information about prehistoric times; discuss the key features of this type of text and use organisational features to locate and read specific pages and paragraphs. Finally they will write their own information page on Skara Brae.

Poetry

Children will have the opportunity to explore how similes and metaphors can be used to create powerful images through reading and discussing poems. They will have the opportunity to write their own poems based on 'The Twits' by Ronald Dahl.

Adventure Stories

After reading 'Stone Age Boy' the children will explore settings, invent characters and write their own story set in prehistoric times.

Grammar Focus

We will be looking more closely at sentence construction, joining clauses and the punctuation needed when writing complex sentences.

Spelling Focus

Spellings from the Year 3 & 4 word list will be focussed on in class and sent home weekly.

RE

What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?

Children will learn about the 5 Pillars of Islam and how individuals show commitment to their faith. They will understand the meaning of Shahada (confession), Salat (prayer), Zakat (charity), Sawm (fasting), Hajj (pilgrimage) and the meaning of the festivals.

MATHS

Please refer to the separate half termly Maths plans.

Times Tables will be tested each week.

SPANISH

The children will be starting a new language this term: Spanish. We will be learning numbers 0-10; greetings including how to say your name and age as well as how to give and follow simple instructions.

COMPUTING

Children will have fun this term using search engines to find out all about the people of the Stone Age. They will then use this knowledge and their learning from their humanities lessons to create a fantastic PowerPoint and a database in Excel presenting their findings. Then children will move onto using Scratch to create their own animated Stone Age character!

Beech Class

1st Half Autumn Term 2017

SCIENCE

Light

Children will learn all about light and how it is needed to see. They will understand that darkness is an absence of light. They will identify light sources and test materials to see if they are opaque, transparent or translucent. They will learn about night and day and experiment to learn how shadows are created. They will then have a chance to create their own shadow puppet shows.

Finally, children will learn about how light is reflected and conduct experiments using mirrors.

P4C/PSHE

The children will be discussing new beginnings. They will have the opportunity to see themselves as valued individuals within a community and contribute to shaping a welcoming, safe and fair learning community for all. Throughout this theme the children will explore feelings of happiness, excitement, sadness, anxiety and fearfulness. They will learn how to problem solve and deal with difficult situations.

MUSIC

This term the children will be learning to play a variety of tunes on the recorder.

ART/D&T

Tribal Tales

The children will be looking at cave art and will use pastels to create their own design.

They will be using clay to make Stone Age pots as well as designing and making Iron Age Jewellery.

In D & T the children will design and build a monument inspired by Stonehenge.

HUMANITIES

Tribal Tales

History/Geography

In Humanities we will be heading back to prehistoric times, we will be learning how the people of Britain developed over thousands of years. We will be focussing on daily life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

We will be looking at how people first discovered how to cultivate crops and domesticate animals. This change is one of the most significant developments in human history and has been called the Neolithic Revolution.