

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Main Road, Farthinghoe, Brackley, Northants, NN13 5PA.



Year 3 & 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Summer holiday. The children have come back to school eager and ready to learn. After a only a week in school I have discovered just how creative and imaginative your children are. We have made a stone age house, buried lego and written numbers up to 1 million. This term we will be focussing on the core subjects as part of our Covid recovery plan but as a school we value all subjects and we are excited to start our new Curriculum. This has been written together as a family of schools within Warriner Multi Academy Trust school.

History

We are going to be stepping back into the past and imagining we are a Stone Age child in Northamptonshire. This term in Year 3 and 4 the children will learn about life in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, a period covering a million years of history. As well as understanding the chronology of this fascinating time, children will learn about the food, religion, homes, technology and art and how each of these areas developed and changed over time and how amazing developments occurred from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Science

We will learn some interesting facts about sound and understand how sound waves come from vibrations and how your ears give you the ability to hear them. The children will be taught by Mr Elson and will find out what the speed of sound is, how sound relates to music, the meaning of acoustics and much more.

Art and Music

We will learn about the fascinating culture and art of prehistoric people. Research art and music in prehistory. Make Ice Age art and replica art objects from the Neolithic, Bronze and Iron Ages. Make replica musical instruments. Take part in an improvised performance using the musical instruments the children have made and present their work on our class website.

Literacy

We will be completing four units this term covering a wide range of books and story types. We are opening this term with writing about Stone Age adventures. This will be inspired by a film called 'Ride of Passage'. Toki's tribe expects him to bring home the head of the biggest animal possible. In return, he will receive honour and respect. However, the rite of passage does not turn out as planned. With the help of a colourful new friend, he achieves something much bigger.

Our next text is called Stone Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. One day whilst out walking, a young boy trips and falls...into The Stone Age. He meets a Stone Age girl and her tribe. They teach him all about their way of life. He watches them hunt, fish, cook, celebrate, make clothes, tools and weapons. He wakes up back in the modern day but was it all a dream?

Writing Outcomes

- Narrative - writing a climax
- Non-Chronological report

After half term we will be studying the classic book 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King.



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Numeracy

We will be using the Power Maths Mastery scheme to support your child in Numeracy this year. We have seen an improvement in problem solving and fluency last year and feel that this programme of study has supported this. For more information please visit this website... <https://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/primary/subjects/mathematics/power-maths>

Specific learning objectives for these topics will be on the website next week.

Year 3	Year 4
Unit 1: Number and place value	Unit 1: Number and place value
Unit 6: Money	Unit 2: Place value – 4-digit numbers (2)
Unit 2: Addition and subtraction (1)	Unit 12: Money
Unit 8: Length	Unit 7: Measure – area

PE

Our PE this term will cover invasion games including football and Tag Rugby. Football will be run by Andy Thompson a coach from Brackley Town FC.

The children will also continue their Yoga sessions with Mrs. Franko.

We will be entering teams into the Chenderit Cluster Cross Country, Tag Rugby and Football events. Near Christmas there will be an opportunity to also do athletics at Chenderit.

RE

This project will enable pupils to learn about what is important to Sikhs in Britain today, relating this to the origins of the Sikh faith. Children will have the opportunity to explore some of the ways in which Sikhs express their faith. The focus is on how beliefs impact on a Sikh's way of life. Children will be encouraged to consider what can be learned from Sikh beliefs and practices and from concepts such as equality, authority and sharing.

Homework- the children will be given weekly spellings to learn as well as a short maths task (20-30 mins). This will be set on a Wednesday- a homework book will be given to your child. The children will also bring home a Reading Record, we will read with your child regularly and this will be recorded in this book. Please continue to read with your child, it is still really important that they read to an adult as much as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. Often a chat at the school gate is not enough so if you have any questions or you would like to talk about any aspects of your child's time in school please do ask for an appointment to come into school.

Many kind regards,
Mrs Whitehouse and Mr Elson



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