

Maths

We will consolidate our understanding of place value and revisit mental addition and subtraction. This will be applied in the context of measures with volumes, capacities and masses. Fractions are introduced this term, which we will relate to division by sharing items into equal groups. We will also continue to develop mental and written multiplication.

English

This half term, we have three literary focuses. Our first piece of writing will be a narrative based on one of the stories we will read in class. Then, we will explore a range of poems linked to our theme and learn one by heart to perform. Finally, we will listen to and read discussion texts to identify different points of view. As a class, we will debate whether it would be better to live in the Stone Age or the present day.

Art & Design

The children will explore the roles and purposes of artists, craftspeople and designers working in different times and cultures. They will experiment with drawing, painting and printing to create different effects and textures in their work.

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Science

In this topic, we will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed. We will compare and group rocks based on their appearance and simple properties. We will also learn how fossils and soil is formed.

R.E.

Our next theme is about journeying through life with Christ; sharing his ways in our local church and community. We will then begin to explore the Eucharist; expressing thanksgiving to God as we relate to, give and receive his word and gifts.

Diary Dates:

Clubs:

Monday 9th January, Junior Choir starts again

Tuesday January 10th Y2 multisports starts

Wednesday 11th January, Band starts again

Thursday 12th January Y6 Maths in Motion starts

Friday 13th January Y4 hockey starts

Monday January 16th - outdoor area improvement work starts

January 17th 6.30pm PTFA meeting in school

Saturday January 21st - International Food evening

Tuesday February 7th 6.30pm Assessment update for Y6 parents

Friday 10th February - School closes at 3:30p.m and reopens on February 20th

Family Masses:

Saturday 14th January, 5.45pm

P.E.

This term Year 3 will start swimming lessons at Darwen Leisure Centre. They will take place every Thursday afternoon. Each child will need a swimming costume and a towel. Swimming caps are also required for girls as well as boys with long hair. Goggles are not permitted unless needed for a medical reason, in which case the pool request a doctor's note.

History

We will be exploring what Britain was like after the dinosaurs became extinct and before modern man lived. Keeping with our theme 'Rock and Roll!' we will research the prehistoric monument Stonehenge.

Geography

In this theme, we will investigate earthquakes and volcanoes: what they are; why they happen and how they affect the landscape and human activity.

Home Learning

Please ensure your child brings their Home Learning Planner and book bag every day and that you sign their reading diary to let us know that a book has been read and completed so we can change it.

The Box and spellings will be set every Friday and need to be completed and returned to class by the following Friday.

This half-term's Home Learning Project will be based on our topic 'Rock and Roll!'. Further details will be provided in due course.