

Welcome to Dragonfly Class!



Dates for your diary:

Monday 14th September - Sports Week

Thursday 17th September - Swimming starts

Friday 23rd October - Last day of term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Teynham Primary School. I hope that you found the transition back to school, after a long time off, smooth. Throughout this term, to support your child's social and emotional development, we will be focusing on promoting the children's well-being through a range of daily well-being activities.

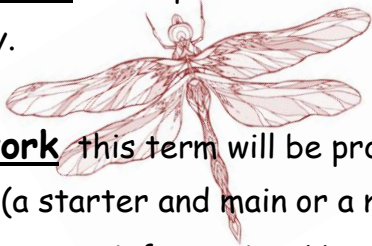
Our topic this term is 'The Stone Age'. Through this topic, the children will be: chronologically ordering events in the Stone Age, finding out about and comparing Stone Age daily life and homes to their own lives, researching the purpose of weapons and tools used during the Stone Age and looking into the history of Stonehenge. Through this topic the children will also have the opportunity to try natural dyeing techniques, design and create a piece of Stone Age jewellery and create some cave paintings. This topic will also support our Science topic - rocks.

During English lessons, as a class, we will be reading and exploring books related to our topic such as: 'The Stone Age Boy', 'How to Wash a Mammoth' and 'Ug'. Through these stories the children will be making predictions and exploring characters' feelings. They will also have the opportunity to produce their own comic strip with a beginning, build up, problem, resolution and ending.

During Maths, the children will be building on their understanding of place value by representing numbers to 1000, partitioning numbers into 100s, 10s and 1s, rounding numbers to the nearest 10 or 100 and ordering and comparing numbers to 1000. The children will also be revisiting addition and subtraction by adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s and adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. Throughout this term we will also be using time in the afternoons to revisit skills and address misconceptions from their previous year group as part of the recovery curriculum. Throughout the year we will be doing daily times table tasks so, it is essential that the children work on the recall of all of their times tables at home to help reinforce this. I would also like to remind you that all children still have their own username/password to access their MyMaths account at home.



Our P.E. days will be **Tuesday**. All children need to have a P.E. kit in school including plimsolls or trainers for outside sessions. No earrings are to be worn during P.E. lessons therefore, the children need to be able to take them out themselves, or have them taken out in the mornings before school. Swimming will take place on **Thursday mornings** so please make sure your child arrives in school with their swimming bags promptly on this day. Please note that their P.E kits are not to be brought into school until the **week beginning 21st September**. For Sports Week all children are to wear their own sports clothes to school each day.



Homework this term will be provided on a 'Menu'. Each week the children must choose two courses (a starter and main or a main and a dessert) to complete. Please see their homework sheet for more information. Homework books will be due in on **Tuesdays** and will be sent out on **Friday**. If your child does a piece of work that they wish to email instead, please send it to the email below. **Reading** books and reading records will also be sent out on **Friday** and must be returned on the following **Tuesday** if it needs to be changed, please note reading books will not be able to be changed on any other day so please ensure books are kept at home until Tuesday.

As we work through this term, we will be updating our blog for you to look at, at home. This can be accessed through the school website by clicking on the learning tab so please check it out each Friday.

If you have anything further you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me by making an appointment at the office, writing a note in your child's reading record or emailing me.

Best wishes,

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