

Dragonfly Class

September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Teynham Primary School. We hope you have had a great summer and a restful break. We are very much looking forward to working with your child this year and seeing all that they can achieve.

Topic – Through the Ages

In the Through the Ages project, your child will learn about three different periods of British prehistory: the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will discover terminology relating to time and sequence dates to make a timeline. They explore the changes to people, homes and lifestyle throughout the different periods and investigate examples of prehistoric settlements, monuments, burials and artefacts in detail. They will also study how technology improved over time, including how the discovery of different metals changed the way that people lived.

English

In English, your child will be reading the class novel “The Stone Age Boy” by Satoshi Kitamura. They will complete reading comprehension tasks linking to this novel. In addition, they will create their own historical narrative based on a specific historical period. Your child will also work on developing the following grammar skills: identifying and determiners and prepositions, using paragraphs and including direct speech. They will also be writing instructions on how to make a bronze axe head. Your child will also have daily spelling/phonics lessons.

In Term 2, your child will be reading “Stig of the Dump” by Clive King. They will be writing cinquains linked to a job in the Iron Age and chronological reports about how life developed.

Maths

In Maths, your child will begin by working on place value up to one thousand, including comparing and ordering numbers. They will then progress to adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers and estimating answers. After this, they will move on to learn about multiplication and division with a focus on 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables.

Science

In the Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal Systems project, your child will revisit prior learning about living things, including how animals can be carnivores, herbivores or omnivores, needing food, water, air, shelter, sleep and space to reproduce and survive. They will use the term 'nutrition', learning that it is a life process by which all living things get or make food. They will learn that humans are omnivores because of their teeth and ask scientific questions about the human diet and research to find the answers. They will learn how humans need a balanced diet containing various foods in the right proportions from the main food groups: fruit and vegetables, carbohydrates, proteins, dairy and alternatives and oils and spreads.

RE

In RE, your child will begin by learning about the Creation Story, with a focus on the question: What do Christians learn from the Creation Story? They will learn about the concepts of God. They will be able to make clear links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God. Your child will be encouraged to ask questions and suggest answers about what might be important in the creation story.

After this, your child will begin to learn about Incarnation, with a focus on the question: What is the Trinity? Your child will understand that John is part of a "Gospel". They will also learn how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in the way they live.

ICT

In ICT lessons, your child will be learning about online safety. In term two your child will look at understanding the internet.

Reading and Home Learning

Your child will receive a staged reading book this term. This will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned to school on the following Wednesday. It is important that your child reads daily so that they are able to make as much progress as possible. Please fill their reading record in at home to show the reading your child has completed. Do let us know if they have enjoyed the book. We do also like hearing about any other books they have been reading at home.

Maths homework will continue to be set via the MyMaths website on a Friday. Your child's login is stuck into their homework book. This year your child will also have a TT Rockstars account, the login for this will also be in their homework book.

Your child will also receive a new homework grid this term, linked to our new topic. Please choose one task to complete each week. Homework will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday.

P.E.

This term, PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit (t shirt, shorts and plimsolls) in school on these days so that they can fully participate in the lessons. No earrings are allowed to be worn during P.E. lessons, therefore they need to be able to take them out themselves, or have them taken out in the morning before school.

If you need to contact me at any point, please email me at t.donoghue@teynham.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards,
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