



Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful week off. It's so lovely to feel that Spring is well and truly here. Please find below an overview of the year.

English

We are continuing to develop the children's knowledge of the Stone Age. The children will research the Neolithic settlement at Skara Brae and will then produce their own Neolithic travel brochures to entice visitors. This will allow the children to revisit their knowledge of the Stone Age, deepen it and develop their persuasive writing skills as well as introducing them to a new genre of non-fiction writing.

Maths

This term, the maths curriculum will continue to look at Multiplication and Division. Last term, we introduced these operations through times tables (3, 4 and 8) and now the children will learn different methods of multiplication and division, including formal column methods. It is still really important that the children continue to practice and remember their times tables, inside and outside school. In year 4, the children will have their national times tables check and it's important that they develop a secure times table foundation in Year 3.

Science

This term, we will be studying plants. The children will learn the main parts of a plant as well as their functions and how this relates to their appearance and structure. They will learn about the absorption and transportation of water and nutrients in a plant and the role of a leaf for making food for the plant. They will also learn about the parts of the flower, their roles in plant reproduction and the stages of the life cycle of a flowering plant.

History

The children will explore the key features of the Bronze and Iron Ages, and come to conclusions about the developments within the periods. Links will be made to the Stone Age period, which they may have studied in the autumn term. Throughout the unit, the children will use a variety of sources of evidence to investigate the period, including archaeological evidence with a focus on the Amesbury Archer, the Lindow Man, Roman written accounts of the Celts and reconstruction drawings of both periods.

Reminders

The children will continue Forest School this term. Please bring appropriate outdoor wear on **Wednesdays**. This could include long trousers and coats as well as appropriate outdoor shoes. **PE will be on Tuesday and Friday**, please ensure that the children have their PE kits on these days. We would still really like the children to read every day (either independently or to an adult). We will be monitoring reading diaries and rewarding the children with prizes. We would like reading books and reading diaries to be in school every day so that adults in school can also hear them read.

If you have any questions at all do not hesitate to email me. My email is odemalplaquet@firbeck.org.uk. You can also send me a message on Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Malplaquet