

## English

We will introduce the pupils to our first topic of the year, The Stone Age, by reading 'The Stone Age Boy.' This is a fun, adventure, picture book that really hooks the children into our new topic. We will then begin reading our class Reading Mastery book, 'A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning.' The book is rich in vocabulary and so will be read using a variety of the Royal Shakespeare Company Rehearsal Room Techniques.

The children will develop their writing, spelling and grammar skills through writing a recount of their Summer, an informal letter from The Stone Age, a character and setting description and a newspaper article.

## Maths

We will begin the term by learning about the place value of 3-digit numbers. The children will be exposed to many conceptual variations to ensure they have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of number, place value and quantity. Children will continue to consolidate their understanding of using the column method for addition and subtraction of up to 3-digit numbers. A consolidation of number bonds to 10 and 20 will be given a high priority, as well as consolidating the 2, 5 and 10 times tables with a new focus on learning the 3 times tables.

## Science

In science, we will be learning all about plants. This will include finding out how varying conditions can affect the growth of plants and how they need water, a sustainable temperature, nutrients from soil and light to grow healthy. We will also learn about how plants reproduce and about the different parts of a flowering plant. Our investigations will include exploring seed formation by planting crocus seeds and finding out how water is transported within plants.

## PE

In PE, our topics will be athletics and netball. In athletics, we will be learning how to throw and jump with a focus on learning how to throw for accuracy and for distance using a javelin, shot and discus and how we can use our bodies to jump as far as possible in one jump and in a combination of jumps. In netball, we will be learning how to pass and receive the ball, how to create space to keep possession, the differences between attacks and defenses and the different shooting techniques.



## RE / PSHCE

In RE, our topic will be 'Remembering,' which will include sharing our own memories and exploring various festivals, including Harvest Festival and The Jewish Festival of Sukkot. In PSHE, our topic will be 'Healthy Me,' which will include learning how exercise affects our bodies, why our hearts and lungs are important organs, how to keep ourselves safe and how certain things can be dangerous.

## Computing

In computing, the children will continue using the Purple Mash software to further advance their coding skills. Children will be introduced to the terms algorithm, command, program, action and debug and will work their way through a series of coding tasks to deepen their understanding of how technology and software work. This will also include the children creating their own programmes that follow a series of commands.

## French

The children will be introduced to the spoken language, French, and will explore which countries around the world speak French. They will begin by learning how to greet others in French and how to introduce themselves.

## Art

In art, we will be learning about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe who was best known for her paintings of enlarged flowers. Using water colours, we will paint flowers in a similar style.

## History

In history, we will be studying The Stone Age with a focus on archaeology and how we know people lived around these times. We will be learning all about early humans and about the vital skills they needed in order to survive. This will include learning how early humans made tools and weapons out of stone, how they lived in caves or made shelters from trees, branches or animal skin, how they made clothes out of animal skin and how they hunted animals for meat using spears, bows and arrows.