

AUTUMN 1

For our first term in Woodpeckers our learning will involve...

English

For our Yr 3 writing work this half term we will be trying out various text types in short bursts, such as diary extracts and speech bubbles, for fun, experience, little tasters (part of becoming invested in our English text) and to ensure that we are consistently including our non-negotiables (finger spaces, full stops, capital letters) in our writing. This will all lead to one goal - using adjectives and adverbs to describe, in detail, our character/s and setting/s.

For Guided Reading (VIPERS) we are reading many non-fiction texts about the Stone Age, Rocks, Soil and Fossils to further inspire us and strengthen our knowledge.

Maths

We do Mastering Number each morning for 10/15 minutes to embed the concept of commutativity within addition equations and the inverse (subtraction), this will enable us to use 3 quantities fluently, and in any order as well as being able to confidently solve missing numbers. In Maths lessons we are working on Place Value with 2 digit numbers, to really secure this, then we shall move on to using hundreds; making/representing and interpreting 3 digit numbers, up to 1000.

We are also looking at telling the time each day using both analogue and digital clocks. and have introduced the 24 hour clock. Please promote this at home.

Topic

Our History topic, this week, has been revealed... *the Stone Age!* In Science we shall focus on Rocks, including soil and fossils in, linking nicely to the History 'Stone Age' topic and our English writing and Guided Reading.

The Art focus is Hatching & Cross-Hatching and we will look at some historical examples of this as well as popular images by the amazing author/ illustrator Raymond Briggs.

We have begun learning basic French as a Modern Foreign Language now that we are in Year 3. This will develop throughout the year.

PSHE focuses on our individual emotions, responses and how to appropriately regulate. We are also meeting 'the brain' during MyHappyMind.

In RE our first focus is Human & Social Science. Within this, we will discuss and explore why people express commitment to a religion or world view. Judaism, Christianity and Sikhism will be particular areas that we explore.

Finally, in Computing we will be learning how to use the class chrome books, search engines, and in general use technology and the internet safely.

How you can help at home

Check out our spellings on EdShed as often as possible throughout the week

- I've seen from the last two years a **clear and obvious correlation**, between those who regularly & consistently engaged in Spelling Shed and the vast improvements with their reading and writing throughout the year.

NB: Woodpeckers get x5 'myself' dojo points for using MathsShed and/or Spelling Shed to promote their own learning.