



Year 3 Learning

Spring 1

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas time with your family and friends. We had a fantastic term learning about various different illustrators, replicating their style and becoming illustrators ourselves by making our own comic strips! Now, we look forward to a new year and a new term. This term we have a History focus for our 'Discover' topic. Our enquiry question is 'What does it mean to be free?' We'll be considering whether people who lived in Stone Age times were 'free', exploring the lives of slaves who lived during Ancient Egyptian times – in Spring 2, we will look at this through Roman Britain and consider whether slavery still exists today.

Spring Term Topic - Discover

Slavery – Ancient Egyptians, Roman Britain

We will be learning:

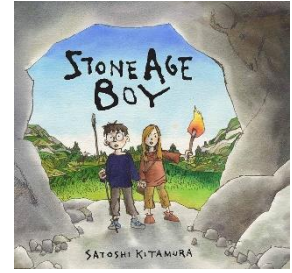
- To consider different time periods
- To think about whether those who lived during the Stone Age were free
- To think about what makes a group stronger than another
- To understand the role and importance of the first pharaoh in Egyptian society
- To understand what the pyramids are, why they were built and who built them
- To question whether the treatment of pharaohs and slaves was fair and why they were treated differently
- To know what happened to a pharaoh when they died and about mummification



Our project concepts this term are: power, empathy, freedom and equality.

English Learning

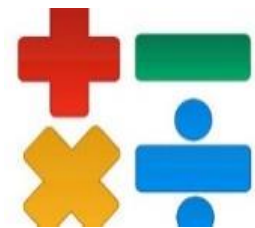
In English, we will be looking at the story Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura.



We will learn:

- To collect information about stone age beasts
- To write poems about stone age beasts
- To think about characters and their characteristics to include within our writing. Challenging our knowledge and understanding of our word choices
- To plan, write, illustrate and evaluate a story based upon one which we have read

Mathematical Learning



This half term we are looking at:

- Subtracting a pair of 2 or 3 digit numbers by using the partitioning and finding the difference method
- Evaluating the most efficient strategy for subtracting from a 3 digit number
- Writing addition and subtraction equations to match different representations on part-part whole models and bar models
- Solving multi-step addition and subtraction problems

French Learning

This half term we will be learning about how to say the names of different animals (Les Animaux) in French.



PSHE Learning

We will be learning about how to look after our health and wellbeing. We will think about how we keep healthy, what makes us individual and how we can communicate how we feel.



Scientific Learning



This half term we will be thinking about the Human Body and Healthy Eating.

- We will identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement
- We will learn that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food
- We will learn about the 5 different groups of foods needed for a balanced diet



Music Learning

We will be using Charanga to listen, learn and perform songs.



Computing Learning

We will be looking at how to stay safe online, with a focus on the sharing of personal information. We will be learning how to write and send emails.

PE Learning

During indoor sessions, we will be completing dance related activities. During outdoor sessions, Otter Class will be learning basic first aid and working on team building games with Mr Mayne. Badger class will be looking at invasion games and how to attack and defend, while working as a team.



Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be learning about the 'People of God' from the Old Testament, the covenant made with God and Noah and considering what that means for Christians to follow God today.





How can you help?

- Continuing to read regularly at home to an adult, with lots of discussion about the books.
- Lots of regular times table testing and quick maths skills following the instructions indicated on the home learning sheets. The faster the response, the better!
- Supporting your child with learning their spellings, discussing the meanings of words, putting them into sentences and reviewing spellings from previous weeks.
- All of this will be on the weekly home learning sheets.



Dates to be aware of for this half term:

- Monday 10th February - St Margaret's Got Talent auditions
- Tuesday 11th February - Parents' Evening (3:30-6pm)
- Thursday 13th February - Parents' Evening (4-7pm)
- Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – Half term
- Wednesday 19th March 2025 – Butser Ancient Farm visit (details to follow)



Further dates and information may come out from the Office throughout the half term.

If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about any of our focuses, please let us know.

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