

Nightingale Class

Welcome to Nightingale Class!!

Our learning theme for this half term is...

We Will Rock You!

Our focus will be on life in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Many of our subjects will be accessed through this theme. Some subjects, such as maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In English, our writing focus will be on instructional texts and first person narrative. To support our writing, we will read *'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'* which offers a step-by-step guide to washing a mammoth, including how to get it into the tub, wash its hair, and avoid getting soap in its eyes. In addition to this, we will also read *'Stone Age Boy'* which tells the story of a little boy who walking along when he trips, stumbles and falls ... into the Stone Age! He meets a girl his own age and her tribe and learns all about their way of life. We will also be reading *Stig of the Dump* as our class book.

In Maths, the focus for the first few weeks will be place value of number, leading on to addition and subtraction. We will be recapping previous learning and working on our basic calculation skills before building upon these later in the term.

In year 3 there is a greater emphasis on learning the times tables. We will be using Times Tables Rockstars in school and your child will be given a login to use at home as well.

Links to Prior Learning

As we study our theme this term we will be using our previous knowledge of timelines to gain an understanding of when the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages happened in relation to historical events we have learned about.

Some of the children have prior knowledge of fossils so we will hopefully be able to go into much more detail with this as we learn about rock formation and fossilisation.



In History, we will be studying changes in Britain between the Stone Age and the Iron Age, and how we know what life was like back then.

In Science, our focus will be on rocks and fossils. This will involve investigating types of rock and how they are formed.

Our focus in Art will start with cave painting before we look at fossils. We will explore this through drawing and printing fossil shapes.

Reminders:

Please can your child bring their reading book to school every day. We will spend a little time reading on most days and the pupils will be able to change their books daily if needed.

PE will be on Mondays when we will be looking to fitness with activities based around having a *Happy Healthy Heart*. Please make sure you send your child to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

How to support your child at home:

Sharing stories and listening to your child read can really help further their learning at home. As the children progress we encourage independent reading as well, but please try to discuss the story with them to aid their understanding of the text.

Your child has access to TT Rockstars and Purple Mash at home. There is a huge range of activities available on there that you can use at home. I suggest that you login together to explore it with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and speak with me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Weller

Dates for your diary:

Meet the teacher session – **Wednesday 11th Sept 3:30-4pm**

Iron-Age Experience, Wandlebury Ring – **Tuesday 22nd October**

End of half term – **Friday 20th Oct**