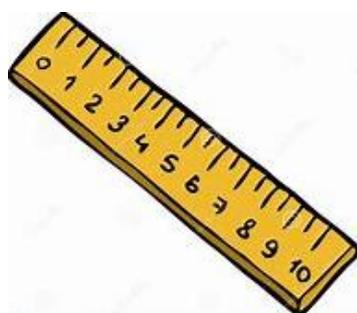
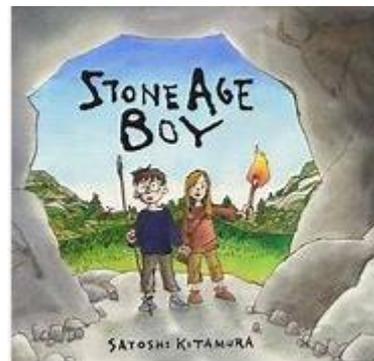


Year 3 Spring A Newsletter

English

In spring A, we will be reading and innovating a story titled, 'The Stone Age Boy.' This is a great story about a young boy who travels back in time and discovers what life was like in the Stone Age. The second text that we will be reading is titled, 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth.' This is an explanation text that informs us on how we might wash a woolly mammoth. Both these texts will link perfectly with our spring A History project which is all about the Stone Age.

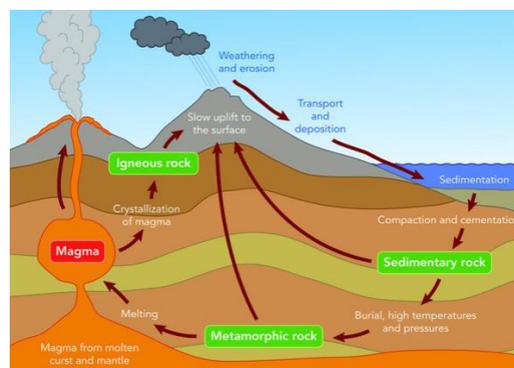


Maths

During our Maths lesson, we will be focusing on Length and Perimeter and Multiplication and Division. We will be learning to measure, draw, compare, add and subtract lengths and calculate perimeter. Also, we will be learning about mental and written methods for multiplication and division.

Science

In spring A, we will be learning to group everyday material based on their properties. We will be working out which materials are going to be the best for keeping things warm or cold. We will also be separating mixtures using the techniques of filtering, sieving and evaporation as well as seeing if they can recover a substance from a solution. Through all the science experiments, we will be focussing their scientific language and reasoning including explaining how to make a comparative and fair test.



PSHE

In PSHE, Year 3 we will be exploring how to be yourself through taking pride in our achievements, how to understand our own feelings, the feelings of others, how to cope with these feelings and how to interpret our thoughts. We will also develop necessary modern-day skills such as recognising the role the media plays on impacting our lives and how to resolve disagreements.



Music

This is a very special half term for Year 3 as we will be visited by the Manchester Hip Hop Archive Company. They will launch their hip hop scheme of work with a visitor and then the teachers will continue to deliver the weekly lessons. Each week, there will also be a visitor to carry out some workshops on creating music mix tapes, hip hop dancing and graffiti artwork. At the end of the half term, the three classes will all record and show their work to the other classes and it will be displayed on Class Dojo.

History

In spring A, in History, we are going to be learning all about the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We are going to be focusing on chronology and being able to place events into the order they happened in. Whilst learning about the Stone Age, we will be focusing on their houses, diet, weapons and tools, theories behind Stonehenge and comparing these to those in both the Bronze Age and Iron Age.



RE

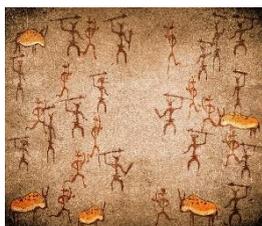
In RE, we are going to be learning about the importance of the River Ganges to a Hindu and why it is special to them. We will be looking at the importance of water and how Hindus believe that Brahman is in the water to help them be cleansed and good people. Then, we will be discussing whether visiting the River Ganges would be as special to a non-Hindu as it is to a Hindu.

Computing

In Computing, we will be gathering and inputting data into a database. We will also be sorting and searching a database to answer simple questions using a branching database. As part of this, we will be choosing information to put into a data table and recognise which information is suitable for their topic. Finally, they will design a questionnaire to gather, sort and use it in different ways.



Art



In Art, we will be getting creative by painting our own cave paintings, we will begin to understand the viewpoint of others through creating an artwork. We will be creating a background using a cold tea wash to age the paper and using a range of brushes to create different lines and effects. Also in part of this unit, we will be experimenting in using different colours and explore work from other periods of time (The Stone Age).