

Kingfishers Curriculum Overview Summer 2021

Stone Age to Iron Age

In history this term, we are going to be learning about how the earliest people lived in this country - where they lived, what they wore, what they ate and some of the amazing things that they could make. We will find out about the changes that happened to the country and in people's lives from "cave men" to the arrival of the Romans. You will be able to answer our key question: "Stone Age people were simply hunter-gatherers, concerned only with survival. How much do you agree with this statement?"

Cave Paintings

In our art lessons, we are learning about cave paintings and will be practising our own painting techniques: using different textures of paint and mixing different colours and shades. We will use a colour wheel to learn about how different colours relate to each other, and practise using a limited colour palette to see what effects we can create. We will be painting on a range of different scales using different brushes.

Christianity

In RE, we are going to be learning about how Christians relate to God and how they use music, imagery, symbols and art to enhance and demonstrate their understanding of the Bible. We will be listening to a range of music from different traditions, making our own crosses and having a go at illuminated lettering.

Mountains

In geography, we are going to be learning about mountain environments. We will be looking at the Lake District in this country and the Alps, comparing the nature of the mountain environments, and also comparing the way that people use the environment to live in and for tourism and other businesses.

Sewing Bags

In design and technology, we are going to be looking at different types of bags that are available, seeing how they are made, and then designing and making our own bags out of fabric. We will be using sewing techniques to join the different parts of our bags together, and then testing whether they will hold the items that we need them to hold before evaluating the bags that we have made - would we make it the same another time or make some changes?

Homework

Of all the homework that we ask you to complete, reading with your child every day is the most important. Please share together your child's reading book and library book.

Also ongoing is the learning of times tables through TT Rockstars. Please encourage your child to practise regularly, as this can really increase their maths confidence.

In addition to these will be English and Maths homework each week. Spellings will be tested each week on a Friday.

Maths

In maths, we are continuing to work on our number skills, such as place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be looking at shapes and other forms of measurement. Throughout all of our maths work, we are going to be focusing on our understanding of what we are doing, and thinking mathematically, using our problem solving and reasoning skills.

Rocks and Fossils

In science, we are going to be learning about different types of rocks and fossils. We will learn about how igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks are formed, and which type of rock could have fossils inside. We will also find out about the different types of soils that are around the country, and investigate to see which type of soil is on the school field.

English

Our first English topic of the term is instructions. We are going to be looking at some different sets of instructions to find out how they work, putting instructions into order, and learning how to write our own instructions to tell somebody what to do.

Our second topic will be fantasy stories. We will be looking at building a fantasy world or landscape, and how we can make the magic shine through our writing through fabulous description.

Lastly, we will be writing non-chronological reports about what we have learned in our topic work. We will use subheadings to organise our work logically, and give our information clearly.