

Year 3/4 Autumn Term

English: In English this half term we will be reading 'Oliver Twist', identify where the book is set and how we know this. We will be reading character descriptions and identify the features of a character description. We will also develop our understanding of what is read and use dictionaries to check the meaning of words. We will draw inferences about the characters' feelings, thoughts and motives.

In history this half term we will be studying the Stone Age.

- ❖ Place events on a timeline to understand the chronology of pre-history
- ❖ Explore life and some of the achievements from each of the 3 Ages
- ❖ Identify how we know about this period of history
- ❖ Investigate dwellings from each period and describe them,
- ❖ Find out how humans survived during the Stone Age
- ❖ Explain how man functioned within Stone Age society
- ❖ Find out what the beliefs of early man were
- ❖ Explore how life changed in the Stone Age when man started to farm
- ❖ Complete a case study on Skara Brae

In maths this half term we will count in different multiples.

- Find 1000 more or less than a given number.
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones).
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000.
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations.

There will be a focus this year on times tables as year 4 work towards their statutory test in May.

In DT we will be investigating levers and linkages.

We will look at a design brief and have analysed some of the task.

Understand what a product analysis is and can identify form and function of a product.

Develop range of design specification points including materials and why they would be chosen.

Produce a simple design idea that shows a basic understanding of material properties.

Write a basic evaluation taking into account the purpose of the product.

Weekly spellings will be sent home to be practised for our Thursday test. Please practise rock star times tables at home and complete tasks on reading eggs.

Home readers will be changed each weekly. Please ensure that these are brought into school each morning.

All children will receive a spelling book, home reader and times table book. All 3 books should be brought into school every day.

PE this half term will be on a Monday. Please note that PE for year 3/4 is on a Monday, starting Monday 18th September. On PE days children should come into school dressed in PE kit – details of this are on the school website for clarity. We will be covering gymnastics and invasion games this half term.

In science our area of study is Animals including humans. We will be investigating:

- Identify examples of foods that contain carbohydrates and fibre.
- Identify examples foods that contain fats and protein.
- Identify different vitamins and minerals.
- State the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates.
- Identify the 3 major functions of a skeleton.
- Describe how bones are attached to one another.

In RE this half term we will be looking at family. We will examine what a family means to us and how scripture explains what family is. We will explore how Jesus was born into a family unit and lived with a human family.