



YEAR 4 - Autumn 2

OUR TOPICS FOR THIS HALF TERM:

In History, we are learning about The Stone Age. As historians, we will look at sources of evidence, including artefacts, to help us understand this period in history. We will explore the different theories about how Stonehenge came to be and the children will decide if they themselves would have liked to have been a Stone Age child.

In Geography, we will continue to look at rivers and the water cycle.

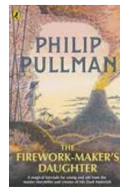
In DT we will be exploring how to design a 2D shape and then create it in 3D using materials.

In Science, we will continue to focus on rocks and soils, in particular discovering Mary Anning and her work with fossils.

OUR TEXTS:

In Writing, we will be starting by writing a poem about remembrance leading up to Remembrance Day. Within this term we will also be writing a narrative piece. We will be using expanded noun phrases, technical vocabulary, , fronted adverbials, speech marks and we will also focus on practising our Kinetic Letters handwriting and improving our presentation.

In whole class reading, the children have started to read The Firework Makers Daughter. We will be continuing to focus on each reading skill throughout the week, looking at retrieval, inference, vocabulary and summarising questions as well as developing reading fluency.



KEY LEARNING IN MATHS:

In Maths, we will be introducing the topic of area. We will be exploring the perimeter and area of different shapes. Following this, we will move onto developing our multiplication and division skills.

We will continue to use arithmetic tests to improve the pupils' basic maths skills. Watch out for the children bringing their tests home to show you how much progress they are making.



We are also continuing to practise our times tables every day in preparation for the multiplication check next year. The children are making amazing progress and love practising their times tables on 'Times Tables Rockstars'. Children all know their log ins and should be able to log on at home to practise too!

WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

You can use these websites to find out about your child's learning at home.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/search?q=rivers&d=BITESIZE>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/search?q=rocks+and+soil&d=BITE SIZE>

HELPING AT HOME:

It is important that you read with your child as much as possible (at least 3 times per week). Please remember to sign your child's reading record every time you read.

Year 4 pupils should be practising TT Rockstars at home 5 times a week. This will massively support your child's mathematical confidence and progress!

USEFUL VOCABULARY:

<u>Geography</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Maths</u>
• Rivers • Water cycle • Flood • Drought • Climate Change	• Geology • Fossils • Sediment • Excavate • Minerals	• Exchange • array • sharing • grouping • lots of

REMINDERS:

4B and 4RS - Reading books are to be brought in on Thursdays to be changed for Friday. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday, with new spellings sent home the same day.

