



Blue Jays



Newsletter Term 3

Stone Age to Iron Age

The topic for this term in Blue Jays is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. This term we will be looking at the way England changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will be learning about the way people lived and what we have learnt from archaeology, and looking at the daily lives, fashion and clothing of the people from the Iron Age.

This will include making our own Iron Age shoes!

English

This term in English we will be learning how to effectively put our sentences into paragraphs. We will also be finding out about different pronouns to use and when to use them so that our writing does not become repetitive. Furthermore, we will be revising the skills that we have learnt so far in year 4.

Children will continue to have opportunities to borrow books from the library and receive books from our Reading Rebels scheme. We ask for your support to listen to your child read. When reading please take time to ask questions about the book read: What characters were in the story? Which words did the author use to describe the characters or settings? In an information book what features can you spot? (Contents, index, glossary, subtitles, diagrams etc.)

Spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each term and be displayed on the website. Children will be tested on these words on Friday. It is important that your children are able to spell these words and even more importantly use these spellings in their independent writing.

Brain Builders

Brain Builders are sent home on a Friday and support the learning in class. There is also the expectation that Brain Builders are completed to a high standard. Please return Brain Builders by Wednesday to allow time to share them with the class and for them to be marked!

Maths

In Maths this term we will be starting to look into measurement of area of different shapes and places. We will also be starting to look at fractions. This includes learning about equivalent fractions of shapes and number, adding and subtracting fractions of the same denominator and understanding that numbers and objects can be split up into equal pieces.

Every morning in Blue Jays, we have a mental maths session. This term we will be working on our 4, 5 and 6 times tables. Every Friday we will also have a 'Big Maths' test, this is to improve the children's multiplications. We ask for your support and encouragement to practice these with your children.

Things to have in school

Please send your child with a water bottle- it is shown that water and being hydrated can help concentration.

Support

If you would like any support and guidance to help you support your child's learning, please feel free to come and speak to Mr Watts.