



Faith Class Newsletter: Term 1

3rd September 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and that your children are looking forward to the exciting term ahead of them. I look forward to meeting you all, if I have not done so already.

As always, we have lots of interesting learning planned as well as settling in to class and getting to know each other. During term one, Faith Class will be learning about life during the Stone Age to the Iron Age, an influential period of British history. The class will begin by discovering what life was like in the Stone Age, as well as locating settlements throughout the United Kingdom. The topic will inform how we approach other areas of the curriculum

As part of their English learning, the children will be reading *The Woolly Mammoth* and writing instructions, as well as reading *Stone Age Boy* and writing their own adventure stories. We finish the term by writing non-chronological reports about life in prehistoric Britain. Our maths learning will begin by developing our knowledge of number and place value. After this, we move onto learning about number: addition and subtraction.

To support their learning, the children will be building a website all about Stone Age facts during computing lessons. In science and technology, the children will be learning about states of matter, comparing and grouping materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. The class will explore Stone Age cave drawings during art lessons and take inspiration from this in order to produce their own designs. There will be two PE lessons every week, one of which will be archery and the other will be Real PE. Please remember that PE kits (trainers, white t-shirt, black or blue tracksuit bottoms/shorts/skort) are required to be in school at all times. The big question the children will consider in RE lessons is 'What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?' In PSHE, the theme is 'New Beginnings'. Writing and performing Stone Age raps will be the focus of music lessons. Finally, in French, we will learn the words and phrases to enable us to talk about our family.

To enable the children to read a range of reading material, I am keen to increase the number of comics and magazines available. If you have any children's comics or magazines at home that you no longer need, I would really appreciate it if you could bring them into school. The children love reading *The Phoenix*, *The Week Junior* and *Nat Geo Kids* amongst others.

Weekly home learning and spellings will be set each Friday and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Spelling tests will be each Wednesday. In addition to weekly home learning tasks, children are encouraged to complete two termly home learning activities (please see home learning planner term 1). Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle to school each day.

If you have a particular interest in any of our topics and would like to come in and share resources or experiences with the children, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank for your continued support with your child's learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please see me before or after school, or email the school office (admin@suttonbenger.wilts.sch.uk).

Best wishes

Miss Moseley