

Class Edison Curriculum Newsletter – Summer Term

Our theme this term will be 'Before Time'. We will take an in depth look at the UK and become archaeologists when we investigate how prehistoric men and women lived. We will improve and practise our skills as researchers, historians and artists.

We will be learning about the Prehistory of Britain and how Britain developed from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. We will also look at how Neolithic hunters lived and how through studying their cave art, we are able to understand their lives more fully. We will become archaeologists and study prehistoric tools and artefacts.

Our artwork will be linked to the cave art of the Stone Age where we will explore and create our own cave paintings, we will then extend this to soap carvings. We will introduce the children to experiment with different materials and tools found outdoors.

Our artist of the term will be Monet, we will study his artwork and use watercolours to create our own masterpiece.

Our Science work will be based around how plants grow. We will be dissecting flowers to learn about each part of the plant and its function. We will look at how plants reproduce and the variety of ways that seeds are dispersed. This gives us lots of opportunity to take our learning outdoors.

We will also explore skeletons of humans and animals learning about its functions and naming the different bones.

In English we are looking at stories with historical settings focussing on the Victorian period. We will then become reporters and explore the structure and features of a newspaper report. We will continue to read a variety of genre including poetry, news reports, diary entries, explanations and fiction. We will continue to check our written work for sense and spelling errors and make corrections accordingly. We will continue to explore the rules of grammar and learn a variety of spelling patterns.

In ICT we will learn how to keep ourselves safe whilst using internet sources. We are also going to develop our presentation skills using a variety of programmes such as Microsoft PowerPoint and Movie Maker. We will continue to develop our own research skills as we will use ICT in our theme work.

We will be continuing our journey towards becoming masters in maths as we challenge ourselves through investigations. We will begin investigating time looking at both analogue and digital clocks, we will also learn how to tell the time on a 24hour clock. We will also convert different units of time. We will continue to develop addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills looking at both mental and written methods. We will continue to have our weekly times table challenge and would appreciate your help by practising at home.

Please note P.E. days this term will be Monday and Friday. The children will require both indoor and outdoor P.E kits. The children will need to bring their complete kit Monday and keep it in school until Friday in case of any timetable changes.

Homework will be given on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. As you will be aware, children are required to read a minimum of 3 times a week at home, please ensure that any reading is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult. Children who are not able to read three times a week at home will be invited to our Reading Club during Monday morning's break time. Mrs Gallagher is leading this club.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's learning at school.

Miss Jackson