

As we start the new school year, we hope that this overview provides you with a little more information about the subjects the children will be learning about this term.

Our history topic this term is Stone Age to Iron Age. We will be using our history skills to answer the historical enquiry question - *What were the benefits of a settler lifestyle compared to a nomad?* We will be using our skills of chronology to place these ages on a timeline as well as looking at a variety of sources to explore what these tell us.

In geography lessons children will be thinking about 'settlements'. They will learn about different settlements and be able to discuss similarities and differences.

In the first half term our science topic will be Forces and Magnets. Children will look at different types of magnets, magnetic fields and explore the forces between two objects. States of matter will be studied in the second half term. Children will compare, group and understand the differences between solids, liquids and gases. They will look at condensing, evaporating, freezing and melting, and the water cycle.

Our PSHE themes are Think Positive and Safety First. As part of Think Positive, children will learn how to cope changes & think about how to manage our emotions. We will also be looking at mindfulness techniques. Safety first helps children to think about everyday risks, hazards and dangers and what to do in risky or dangerous situations.

In R.E. children will find out all about Hinduism, considering the question - *Who is Hindu and what do they believe?* For our second unit the children will learn about the Trinity.

Fruit and Vegetables will be the theme of our art lessons, children will be sketching and painting different items. Children will look closely at the shape and colours when completing their artwork.

In Computing, the children will be starting to look at coding, following the government approved Teach Computing scheme. Repetition in shapes will be first, where children look at moving an icon around a page based on a line of code. They will then move onto using repetition in coding through Scratch.

DT lessons will focus on mechanical systems. The children will be using their understanding of forces to make a slingshot car. This will involve cutting, joining and evaluation to perfect their design.

The children will be taught French by Mrs Savidge who has joined us at the start of this year. They will be learning about instruments and the seasons.



The children will continue their weekly music lessons with Mr Foster. They will cover a range of skills, learn new songs, compose their own pieces. Year 3 will begin to learn to play the recorder during these lessons and Year 4 will continue to develop their recorder playing skills from last year.

In P.E. lessons, children will be following units linked to gymnastics and football. Swimming lessons will take place for 4P this term. Children need to come to school in their P.E. uniform on their allocated P.E. days.

**Amblecote Primary P.E. Uniform is:**

- Plain black or navy shorts (No logos). These are required for all indoor PE lessons. Shorts should be of an appropriate length
- Plain white round neck t-shirt (No logos)
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms
- Plain black or navy sweatshirt/zip up jacket for outdoor lessons in cold weather (No logos)
- A pair of plain sports trainers - suitable for outdoor P.E. (no converse or high tops)
- White or grey ankle socks

**Children will need to keep a pair of black pumps in a drawstring style pump bag kept in school, for indoor P.E. in the hall.**

**For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE under any circumstances. Long hair must be tied up for P.E. lessons.**

As our daily class book, we will be enjoying the texts, *'Firework Maker's Daughter'* and *'Owen and the Soldier'*.



For the first half term we will be focusing on a new unit called 'The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar'.

This will ensure the children are secure in the basics needed to confident writers. After this we will be using a range of books, short videos and visual prompts to form the basis of our writing lessons.

We will continue learning spelling rules and patterns in our lessons. The children will have spellings set weekly, for them to work on. Their spellings will be set on a Monday to be practised for the following Monday.

We will continue with our reading rewards. To be part of the reading celebration children need to do the following:

Read a minimum of 3 times a week at home (diaries need to be signed for us to know that this has happened), for 30 weeks over the year.

For children in KS2, who are using Accelerated Reader, they also need to complete 15 Accelerated Reader Quizzes - achieving their gold award.



In Maths we will be covering all areas of the curriculum following the White Rose Maths Scheme.

Please continue to help your child by:

- Encouraging them to practise their tables. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12 x 12. All children have a TTRockstars log in and password. Maths teachers will set a 15 minute weekly session on this for the children to complete at home. Children will also be given an additional piece of Maths homework to consolidate their learning.

**Key information:**

Day	What's happening
Monday	Spellings - previous weeks spellings are tested and new words to learn are set. Homework club - lunchtime with Miss Skirving.
Tuesday	3/4S (Indoor) & 4P (Outdoor) P.E. 3/4S Music
Wednesday	3/4S (Outdoor) 4P & 3J Music Maths Homework set & due in - including TTRockstars
Thursday	3B P.E. (Indoor)
Friday	4P Swimming (from 20.09.2024) 3B P.E. (Outdoor)

**Please remember children need to have a named water bottle in school: only water please!**

As always if you need to contact us or have any questions, please contact us via ClassDojo. Any important/urgent messages please contact the school office - teachers will not be able to check Dojo whilst they are teaching.

Any information we need to pass on will be shared on ClassDojo. Occasionally P.E. days may change, we will notify you of this through ClassDojo also.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. We look forward to a wonderful autumn term.

Miss Skirving, Mr Pitts, Mrs Brannon and Mrs Barstow



## Year 3 & 4 Autumn Term 2024

Our school values this term are friendship & kindness.

