

## Art and DT

In art we will look at many fundamentals including sketching and printing. We shall focus on ammonites. We will learn use mono and printing techniques

## Music

We will be learning about pitch, tone and tempo during our music sessions in the second half of term. These skills will be used to perform the annual Nativity play.

## English

We teach English using a Talk for Writing approach which enables children to imitate the language they need orally, before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version.

This half term, we will be studying *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers which will focus on well-being. This unit will allow the children to reflect on the past few months during the lockdown. In addition, we will study *The Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. We will learn about main and subordinate clauses. We will continue to learn and perfect our punctuation. Next term, we will be looking at Non-fiction where we will learn the instructions on how to 'trap a sabre tooth tiger'. Next the children will be studying 'A Christmas Carol' written by Charles Dickens and adapted by Tony Mitton. Alongside this, we will continue to teach the grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Spelling words will be taught and set on Mondays, and tested on Fridays.

## Year 3 Autumn Term

### The Stone Age and Rocks and Volcanoes

## Wellbeing

Wellbeing is a priority for all of us at St Benedict's especially after such a long break from learning. As part of our PE sessions, we will be doing weekly Yoga sessions. Our PSHE sessions are also focusing on well-being and mindfulness which will allow opportunities for meditations.

## Maths

In maths we use the 'White Rose' mastery approach to support our planning and teaching. This term, we are starting with place value, then moving onto the four operations (x, -, + and ÷). Maths homework will be set online on SumDog. Another focus will be for the children to continue to learn their timetables, with the expectation that children will know their 10x, 5x, 2x, 3x, 4x, and 8x tables in preparation for Year 4.

## PE

In PE we follow the real PE programme which meets all National Curriculum requirements through a range of activities and games designed to enhance children's physical skills. We also do regular 'Mile Runs' to encourage regular physical exercise. During this term, we shall focus on footwork co-ordination, static and dynamic balance and jumping and landing as our focus for assessment.

## History

Our History topic this term will focus on The Stone Age. The children will be immersed in world of pre-history where they will learn about how their ancestors hunted, where they lived and how they survived.

## Geography

We will learn about tectonic plates and how mountains and volcanoes are formed.

## RE

In RE the children will learn about 'Expression of Belief' through the study of Christianity and Hinduism. During the second half of term, the focus will be on Christmas

### Forest school/outdoor learning

We will be using nature to experience and create cave paintings. In addition, we will be exploring the changes in nature brought about by autumn.

## Science

This half term we will be looking at Rocks and Soil. The children will learn about the 3 types of rock and how they have developed. We will also be looking at how soil is created and the components found in soil by using investigative experiments. This half term, we will be learning about rocks and soil. After half term we will be learning about forces and magnets exploring these and how forces occur in everyday life.