

**Marlcliffe Primary School**

YEAR: 3/4  
Curriculum plan for Autumn 1

Our homework menu will be handed out to the children and will also be available on the Y3/4 section of the school website. Spellings will be tested the week after they have been given out, and homework will be expected weekly. Y4 children will also complete weekly activities from their times tables workbook (they don't need to complete a separate maths homework).

Communication, language & literacy	Mathematical development
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Our literacy work for the term will be linked to our history topic of The Stone Age and our science topic of Animals and their Habitats. We will be writing detailed descriptions of a coral reef and planning and recording our own version of the Story Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura.

After half term, we will focus on non-fiction, writing informative reports about the Stone and Iron Ages.

Our reading lessons will focus on a wide range of different film clips, poems, text extracts, images and reports. We will be developing reading fluency (reading out loud with expression and understanding) and comprehension (understanding the text).

We will also continue to cover spelling and grammar objectives based on the new national curriculum.

Our maths work will be focused around place value in numbers up to 1000 (Y3s) and with 4-digits (Y4s). We will look at different ways of representing and partitioning these numbers, comparing and ordering them, adding and subtracting multiples of 10 and 100 (and 1000 for Y4s), formal written methods for adding and subtracting with them, estimating answers, and using inverses to check answers. In addition the Y4s will look at rounding to the nearest 10 or 100, counting on and back through zero and Roman numerals up to 100. The children will solve contextualised problems involving all of these skills.

The reinforcement of key number facts such as times tables (3, 4 and 8x for Y3s and 6, 7 and 9x for Y4s) will be ongoing throughout the year.

DT and Art	Topic	Knowledge & understanding of the world
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This half term we will be focusing on Sculpture. We will look at several famous examples of sculptures and try different skills and techniques using various tools. For our final piece of art, we will be making a sculpture of a Stone Age animal using clay.

As you will have seen above, we will be studying 'Britain Before Bronze'. As well as linking into this with our literacy work, we will be considering:

- how the Stone and Iron Ages fit into British history
- the achievements of Stone Age society
- how farming changed the way people live
- what life was like in settlements such as Skara Brae
- the differences between the Stone Age and the Iron Age

In science, the children will be looking at the topic, 'Living Things and Habitats'. Year 3 children will start learning basic conversational French, together with some geographical and cultural information about France. Year 4 children will continue to develop their written and spoken French.

In computing, children will look at how computers can be used to design effective posters.

In PE, the children will be learning how to move in time to music using a variety of movements, as well as trying out a range of sports skills.

In PSHCE, the children will look at the theme of Harvest, and how we can make sure that everyone has enough.

In RE, we will look at inspirational people from history, and the lessons we can learn from them today.