

### Reading

This half term, we will be applying taught reading skills to answer comprehension questions in daily reading lessons. The children will continue to develop their retrieval, inference, vocabulary, prediction and explanation skills. They will also develop their ability to justify their opinion using evidence based on our core text, Stig of the Dump.

### Writing

We will begin and end the term by writing narratives inspired by Clive's King, Stig of the Dump. We will be learning and practising skills such as paragraphing, dialogue, using possessive apostrophes and subordination. During the middle of term, we will be writing an informative guide on how to look after a caveman using the information we find in the text.

### Mathematics

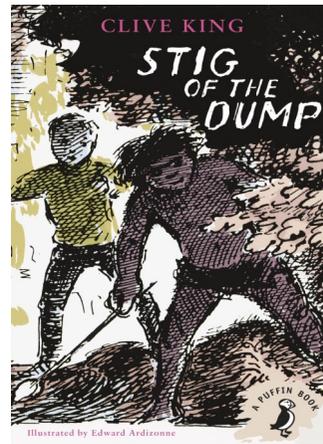
The children will begin this term with a focus on multiplication and division. They will learn how to use written methods to multiply and divide 2 and 3-digit numbers with efficiency. Children will also explore further with length and perimeter. By the end of the term, they will focus on fractions—ordering and comparing proper and mixed fractions, converting fractions and subtracting fractions from whole amounts.

### Meet the Team!

Year Group Leader: Lizzie

Teaching Staff: Lizzie, Craige, Keisha and Sarah

## ROCKING THROUGH THE AGES



### Science

We will be studying Living things and their habitats. The children will understand how animals are suited to their habitats, classify and group living things and recognise how and why environments change and the impact this has.

The children will be pattern seeking and investigating how habitats change over time.

### History

In History we will be Rocking through the Ages! We will be exploring where, on a historical timeline, the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age occurred. The children will learn about human's lives during this time and compare and contrast this with modern day living. We will also be discovering how we have knowledge of what life was like in the Stone Age.

### Supporting Your Child's Learning

Please encourage your child to read at least five times per week. Please ensure your child logs into their Multiplication Timestable Check, Mathletics, TTRS and spag.com accounts. Activities are set every Friday. It is important that the children learn their spelling words weekly, as this will really help with their reading and writing. Spellings will be sent home every Wednesday for a test the following Tuesday.

### PSHE

In PSHE this half term we will be learning about Dreams and Goals. We will be exploring how we deal with positive and negative feelings. We will think about how we can set new goals if our original goal is not met.

## PE

Year 4 will now have Dance lessons on a **Monday**. We are really fortunate to have external visitors teaching us Cricket this half term. This will be happening on a **Friday** outside so please ensure the children have appropriate PE kit.

## Dance

In Dance, we will be exploring the history of Social Dances such as Swing, Rock n Roll and the Disco Era. We will be working with a partner and creating motifs containing lifts and balances.

## Music

The students will be looking at the wide variety of music and musical traditions which have come from the continent of Africa. They will learn about the classifications (families) of instruments from Africa such as Chordophones, Aerophones, Membranophones and Idiophones. Throughout the unit, the children will develop skills playing the djembe drum, learning the slap, tone and bass sounds that hitting the drums in different ways can create. They will also learn about call and response. They will compose their own African style percussion pieces and perform them at the end of the unit.

## French

This term children will learn how to name and recognise up to 10 vegetables in French and attempt to spell some of these nouns (including the correct determiner/article). They will also learn simple vocabulary to facilitate a role play about buying vegetables from a market stall.



## Art

We are learning about observational drawing and mark-making with ink this term and working on collecting visual information in our sketch books. Year 4 are looking at the artist Jeff Koons and using everyday objects to create textural drawings.

## DT

In DT, we will be looking at Textiles, with a particular focus on fasteners and their functions. We will be identifying a problem and exploring solutions, making a shank for a button and explaining our thinking processes in order to obtain the required outcome.

## RE

In RE this half term our focus religion is Sikhism. The children will be focusing on the importance of commitment in Sikhism as well as looking at commitment in their own lives.

## Computing

This term in computing the children will learn about Photo Editing. They will understand how images are edited, recognise that not all images are real and consider when Photo editing can be useful.