

# Blencathra Newsletter



*Dear Blencathra Parents*

*Here is a summary of the Curriculum for Blencathra for the Autumn Term 2022.*

*Our topic this term is  
Changes in Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age*



**LITERACY** - This term we will be using the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' where the children will develop the skills needed to write instructions.

We will also be linking to our Stone Age topic by looking at the features of non-chronological reports where we will spend time gathering and researching information before creating a non-chronological report on a Stone Age animal or Otzi 'The Ice Man'.

A focus will also be on our spellings, punctuation, grammar and handwriting.

Everyone will have a guided reading sessions once a week with Mrs Turner, where the children develop their reading skills and also their decoding skills.

**RE** - Using the Understanding Christianity resource we will be discussing the question: What do Christians learn from the creation story? The children will learn that God the Creator cares for the creation, including human beings. They will know that as human beings are part of God's good creation, they do best when they listen to God. We will also learn how Christians believe God made our wonderful world and so we should look after it.

**MUSIC** - Continuing with the Charanga scheme we are focussing on basic skills: listening and appraising, singing, playing instruments, improvisation, composition and performing. We are also very lucky to have Mr Burke teaching us some music this term, where we will be using recorders, whistles, keyboards and percussion. We also have the Young Voices songs to learn this term too.

**ART/D&T** - We will really be looking at how we can use our sketchbooks to record our observations and also to review and revisit our ideas, we will see them as working documents, not just as finished pieces of work. We will be linking our artwork to our Stone Age topic and we will be improving our drawing, painting and sculpture techniques using a range of materials.

**SCIENCE** - Our topic is animals including able to describe the digestive system, identify of teeth in humans functions and be able to interpret a variety. During the second half we will be looking at States of matter we compare and group according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases, observe to change state when cooled, and measure temperature at which degrees Celsius (°C). Identify by evaporation and water cycle and as evaporation with

**TOPIC** - We will look at the Stone Age to Bronze Age on life in Britain. We will learn why early man survived in the north why Skara Brae was built understanding life in the Copper Age and why Stonehenge was built. We will also learn about the development of hillforts and how the Druids were in the Iron Age.

**FRENCH** - We will continue to study greetings, family members, colours and numbers, and games, songs and

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**NUMERACY** - First we will be looking at place value, and partitioning. Next we will start to look at addition and subtraction, using written methods. Multiplication and division are next, also using written methods, and explaining their reasoning.

The children will also be learning about shapes and angles.

We are also having a big push on times tables so will be assessing the children daily on their times tables using the Times Tables Rock Stars. It is important that the children practise these regularly at home.

**PE** - The children will be taking part in a series of street dance sessions this term with Kelly McClelland. We will work towards a final performance where parents can come and be our audience.

We will also be having a skateboarding session, and will be taking part in a ball sports festival run by Action Ants.

For the second half of the term, we will have Miss Potter—a specialist sports coach—to help us with various skills and sports through playing games.

**PSHE** - This term, we will be learning more about our school vision and values. We will think about new beginnings, and how we can be affected by them. We will learn more about healthy eating and food using the Phunky Foods resources, then we will move on to physical health and first aid.

**Computing** - We will be learning all about programming. We will be looking at the motion, sound and event blocks using Scratch.

In the second half of the term, we will be looking at using Stop Motion animation to create our own animations on the water cycle.

## Uniform

Please come to school wearing the correct school uniform and have the correct PE kit in school everyday. This is outlines on our school website: [shap.cumbria.sch.uk](http://shap.cumbria.sch.uk).

## Homework

Homework encourages independence, self-organisation and is an opportunity to chat about learning at home. No homework should take longer than 30 minutes unless your child would like to do more.

Homework will be set using Microsoft Teams, this will be set on a Monday and is to be handed in via Teams on a Friday (if you are unsure of your child's log in details, please get in touch as soon as possible and we can get these to you).

Children will receive times tables, spelling and reading homework each week along with a mini topic project per half term. This project is to be completed over a number of weeks. It is on Teams and also on our class page on the website.



## What do I need to bring to school?

Everyday:

- Your reading book
- A waterproof coat
- A water bottle
- A packed lunch (unless you are on school dinners)
- A healthy, gluten free snack for break time

## Worship

This half term, the themes of our Worship Time will be: New beginnings, Harvest and Friendship.

Our Christian Value will be: Friendship (linked to the 'children' element within our Christian Vision).

## Teams

Please remember to check Teams regularly as this is where all homework will be set and a lot of reminders for the children will be given.

## Correspondence

If you would like to speak to either of us, please message us through Teams or email ([vcapstick@shap.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:vcapstick@shap.cumbria.sch.uk) or [ataylor@shap.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:ataylor@shap.cumbria.sch.uk)) and we will get back to you.