

Early Man

English	Children will develop their writing skills by looking at stories with a moral, with a particular focus on our WAGOLL 'The Emperor's new Clothes'. From this children will then go on to write their own story with a moral. The children continue their work on the use of descriptive language, the structures of different sentences and begin to look at writing dialogue. The children will finish the half term with writing their own time warp stories based on our R4L book 'Stone Age Boy'.
Maths	Children will work on calculation strategies for multiplication and division as well as revisit the strategies for addition and subtraction. We also focus on applying this knowledge to solve worded problems across all of the four processes. We then move onto fractions of shape and number and what happens when we divide a whole number into tenths and hundredths.
Science	Not covered this half term.
Computing	Children will continue to design, code, problem solve and debug programs using Purple Mash software. The children will also have the opportunity to code their own basic computer games.
History	Children will explore what life was like in the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. Within our Early Man topic, the key learning will include late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers (case study of Skara Brae), Bronze Age religion, technology (linked to Stonehenge) and the Iron Age hill forts (living environments).
Geography	The children will be continuing our geography from Autumn 1 and will cover earthquakes, tsunamis and tornados, how they occur and the effects they have on the surrounding environments.
Physical Education	The children from one of the year group classes will go swimming every week and will develop their swimming skills. Their weekly lessons will focus on ball skills such as hand-eye coordination, developing cooperation and teamwork and throwing and catching skills.
Art and Design	This half term the focus will be on Christmas art by creating hanging hoops which will be displayed in the Junior Hall. Linked to our Early Man topic, children will be creating cave paintings. They will collect their own resources (twigs, berries etc.) to use when creating their cave paintings. They will use 'tea stain' and explore the aging effect this has.
Design and Technology	Not covered this half term.
Music	We will be preparing for our Christmas production and will learn some traditional and modern Christmas songs.
Religious Education	Children will think about the question: What do we know about Jesus? They will also look at the story of Christmas and how we celebrate Christmas.
PSHE	We will focus on whole school PSHE themes: courage, kindness and reflection. Children will discuss items which are special to themselves and explain why, linking this to the history work on Bronze Age burials.
Spanish	Children will continue to develop their conversational skills, talking about their name and age. They will also look at how Christmas and New Year are celebrated in Spain.