

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Kestrels

Spring 2025



Our Theme: How did life change from
the Stone Age to the Iron Age?

Our Christian Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Fairness, Honesty, Respect



Happy New Year! Welcome back to the Spring term. We are all looking forward to working together on lots of exciting topics. Our whole curriculum links to our vision, especially the elements of developing all members to be wise, happy and spiritually aware, to help them achieve their dreams and goals and to prepare them to be good citizens in today's diverse society. We are all preparing for a brighter tomorrow by working together on our term's subjects.

Spring Term 2025
Our theme is 'From the Stone Age to the Iron Age'
On our WOW Day we will be doing a variety of activities, including making art with natural materials and using a map to decide where our settlement will be.
For our Exit Day we will be creating an Information Gallery and inviting you to visit us.

English

In English, we are learning how to develop creative writing skills in narrative writing and poetry, as well as knowing the features of playscripts ready for our Easter production. We will also be exploring the features of persuasive texts, increasing our knowledge of the layout and purpose of the text, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation during every lesson.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we are continuing to learn about the skills involved in calculating using the four operations. We will also work through activities in fractions, decimals and money as well as developing our knowledge of how to combine these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will be practised on a daily basis, in preparation for the Government's Year 4 Multiplication Facts Check in the summer term.

Science

In Science we are studying two themes: Animals including Humans and Rocks. We will develop our knowledge of different types of rocks and know how they can change into soil, and we will increase our scientific skills when we study the digestive system, teeth and food chains within the Animals topic.

PSHE

In PSHE, our themes within the Jigsaw scheme of work will be 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. We will develop our skills of speaking, listening and turn-taking as well as our knowledge of what we need to do to achieve our goals and to stay healthy.

RE

In R.E, we are focusing on God in Hinduism, and Salvation. We will develop our knowledge of the details of the Easter story and Holy Week in Christianity, as well as developing research skills to find out the meaning of Hindu symbols such as Aum and the lotus flower.

History

In History, we will be looking at significant events and places within the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We will learn key knowledge about places such as Skara Brae and Stonehenge. We will develop skills in historical research by finding out how farming and settlements developed with the creation of metals and tools.

Art

In Art, we will be studying cave art and develop our drawing skills in our own versions, as well as designing and making a weaving using natural materials. We will learn key knowledge about the artist Anastasia Kovaleva and following this study, we will develop the skills of applique for the weaving.

Music

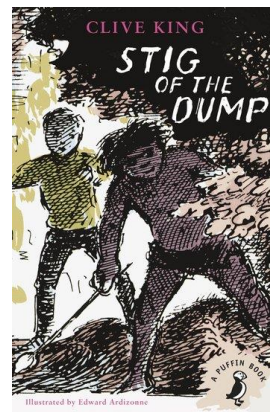
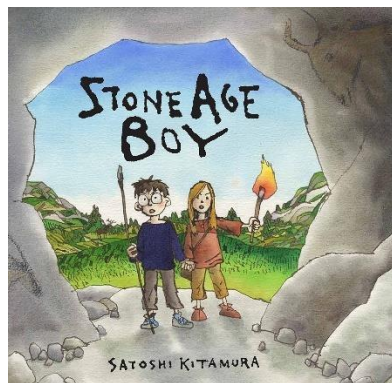
We are very much looking forward to learning a new skill this term – playing the ukulele! Mrs Ellis from Lincs Music Services will be coming in weekly to teach us. Skills of rhythm, pitch and melody will be taught. The knowledge of parts of the ukulele and what notes make up each chord will be taught.

P.E

With Mr Toothill we will be improving our skills in an Outdoor and Adventurous theme and improving our knowledge of the rules in netball.

Class Readers

Each term, we have a number of books, both fiction and non-fiction, that link in with our topic. These books are very popular and give us a greater hook and deepen our understanding of a certain era or area of the curriculum. We read these special books daily in our class. This term's main books are below. If your child has a copy of this book at home, they are most welcome to bring them in to school and read them alongside the class teacher at these times.



Important Information

As per the school homework policy which is available at www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk homework will be set on Friday and returned the following Thursday.

Our P.E. days are: Tuesday and Thursday

Please make sure the children are wearing their PE uniform on these days.

Spelling rules will be learnt and tested on a weekly basis, and times tables tests will take place on a Friday. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help your child to prepare for these each week.

Please continue to support your child with their reading and complete their Reading Record book as often as possible each week. Discussing and spelling words from the Y3/4 list within the Reading Record would also be a great help. Thank you.

I hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work we will be covering this term. I'm sure we will have a great time exploring all these areas. If you feel you can help in any way, I would be delighted to hear from you, and, as always, if you have any queries about anything, please pop in to see me.

Thank you.

Caroline Matthews