

# Frogs Newsletter Autumn Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Frogs Class! I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer. Both myself, Mrs Dixon and Miss Howse are all very excited to welcome the children back and we have lots of fun and engaging things planned for this year, to supplement and enhance the curriculum.

This term our topic will be **Stone Age to Iron Age**. Our enquiry question will be 'What is Prehistory and how was life different during this time?' The children will develop a chronological understanding of this period and compare daily life during this time by completing historical enquiry. This topic provides lots of opportunities to enjoy fun enrichment activities and Frogs Class will be taking part in a Stone Age experience day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September- a separate letter with more details to follow but please get your costumes ready!

Swimming will continue to be on a Tuesday morning (until February half term) and PE lessons will be on a Wednesday afternoon (please come into school wearing PE kit).

**Homework grids** will also be sent home, which include a variety of tasks based on learning covered this half term. Children can either choose one task every couple of weeks, or spend longer completing a bigger task. Homework is not compulsory but there will be rewards for those children who do engage in them. The children will be given a homework book to complete the tasks, in which they bring in and share with the class. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring in your homework on these dates.

Children will be given a homework planner to record their home reading and weekly homework tasks.

**The expectations are as follows:**

- Read at least 4 times a week
- Login to Times Tables Rockstars for at least 5 minutes twice a week
- Complete 2 x activities in their spelling booklets

Please record all homework in their homework diaries- write down the reading that they have done on the right hand side of the page and record which days they completed TT Rockstars on the left hand side, along with your signature. We will check the diaries every Friday and if they have completed the above they will get extra break time.

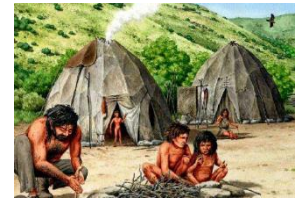
On a final note, I would like to emphasise how important it is for your child to be accessing TT Rockstars and practising as much as possible. At the end of Year 4 the children will be completing the Multiplication Times Tables Check. More information can be found on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

Children should already have their logins but please see me if you are unable to access these.

The following page shows the different learning that will take place over the Autumn Term.

## Autumn Term 2023



	<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>
English	<b>Fantasy Narrative</b> Journey Back to Stone Age <b>Structural Poems</b> Stone Age Diamantes/ Clerihews	<b>Explanations</b> Stone Age Explanations <b>Traditional Narrative</b> Local Fairy Tale (Essex Link)
Maths	Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Addition & Subtraction Multiplication and division
Science	Rocks	Sound
RE	<b>Christianity, Buddhism</b> Where do religious beliefs come from?	<b>Christianity, Islam, Sikhism</b> What do we mean by truth? Is seeing believing?
Computing	<b>Computing Systems</b> -The Internet	<b>Data and Information</b> -Data Logging DL software
PSHE	Me and my relationships	Valuing Differences
DT		<b>Mechanisms</b> Levers and Linkages
Art	<b>Cave Drawings</b> Kara Walker: Silhouette Drawings*+ Christina Rijneveld: Animal Illustrations Lascaux Cave Paintings	
History	<b>Stone Age/Iron Age</b> <i>Changes from Stone... to Iron Age.</i>	
Geography		<b>Exploring Essex</b> How geography aspects have changed over time
PE	Swimming Hockey	Swimming OAA
French	French greetings	French adjectives- colour, size and shape.

All of the Knowledge Organisers for the topics above will be sent home to you. This will give you a comprehensive outline of what is covered throughout each unit and enable you to support learning from home.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Bailey