




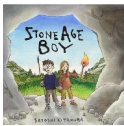
Year 3—Spring 1 Topic Overview

This half term, our topic is titled: Our Community. In this topic, we will be learning about Hedge End, our local community, and where it is located in relation to the rest of the world. In addition to this, we will be getting out into Hedge End, volunteering to make a positive difference and we hope to raise money for a local charity.

Miss Seddon

Miss Bambrick

Our Community

<p style="text-align: center;">Reading</p> <p>In Book Talk lessons, we are reading, 'Pugs of the Frozen North' where we learn about Shen and Sika's adventure to meet the Snowfather who can grant wishes. This half term, we will be focussing on prediction, retrieval, and inference skills.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Writing</p> <p>In English lessons, we are building on our work last half term and reading, 'Stone Age Boy'. In our writing, we will be writing a narrative to entertain the reader and teach them about a little bit about life in the Stone Age.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>This half term we will continue to develop our multiplication and division skills using informal methods alongside pictures and concrete resources. We will also be looking at multiplication and division using equal groups, arrays, sharing and grouping. Alongside this, in our Maths Fluency lessons, we will be consolidating our 2, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DT</p> <p>In DT, we will be designing and making gift box packaging to hold a small item. We will carefully consider how to design and make our gift boxes so that they are eye-catching and appeal to our target audience. We are hoping to raise money for a local charity by selling the items with gift boxes, on the playground.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education)</p> <p>This half term the theme is 'Keeping Myself Safe'. This will involve looking at how to make a situation less risky or not risky at all. Additionally, we will learn how medicines can be helpful or harmful.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>In Science, we will continue to learn about animals, skeletons and movement. We will investigate the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates and how bones, joints and muscles help us move.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>In Computing, we will be learning how to use desktop publishing software on Chrome Books. Once we have learnt how to navigate and use the software, we will be creating a poster to advertise the items we are selling.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Games and PE</p> <p>In Games, we will be developing our golf skills by learning how to explore and develop our accuracy of aiming at a target. We will also use our PE lessons to develop our counting and rhythm skills through dance.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RE (Religious Education)</p> <p>Our concept in RE is Neighbour; we will be thinking about how the concept of Neighbour is important to Sikhs and Christians.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">French</p> <p>In French this half term our focus is 'instruments'. We will learn to recognise and recall up to 10 instruments in French. We will also learn to say and write 'je joue' (I play) in French.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>In Geography, we will be looking at where Hedge End is in relation to the world and identifying its key features. We will also be learning how to locate places in Hedge End using grid references. We will be conducting some local field-work when visiting Hedge End.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>In Music, we will be developing our singing this half term by performing in a group, increasingly matching the pitch and learning how to follow the melody.</p>

Key Dates:

Children's Mental Health week: Monday 5th February—Friday 9th February

Trip to Hedge End: Elm Tuesday 6th February. Ash Thursday 8th February.

We would really like to hear about other opportunities to get involved with, and support our local community. Please do contact the school office if you know of, or are able to offer anything that may be relevant— many thanks in advance.

PE Days (Please wear PE kit on these days): Elm— Tuesday and Friday Ash— Tuesday and Friday

Homework reminders:

Spelling - your child will have their weekly spellings stuck into their home school diary. These will be practised in school ready for a test every **Friday**. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home too.

Reading - x3 weekly at home Please sign your child's home/school diary. There is also an optional '60 Second Read' homework task.

Times Tables—your child will have a times tables sheet to complete each week. **This will be handed out on a Friday and will be due in on a Thursday.**