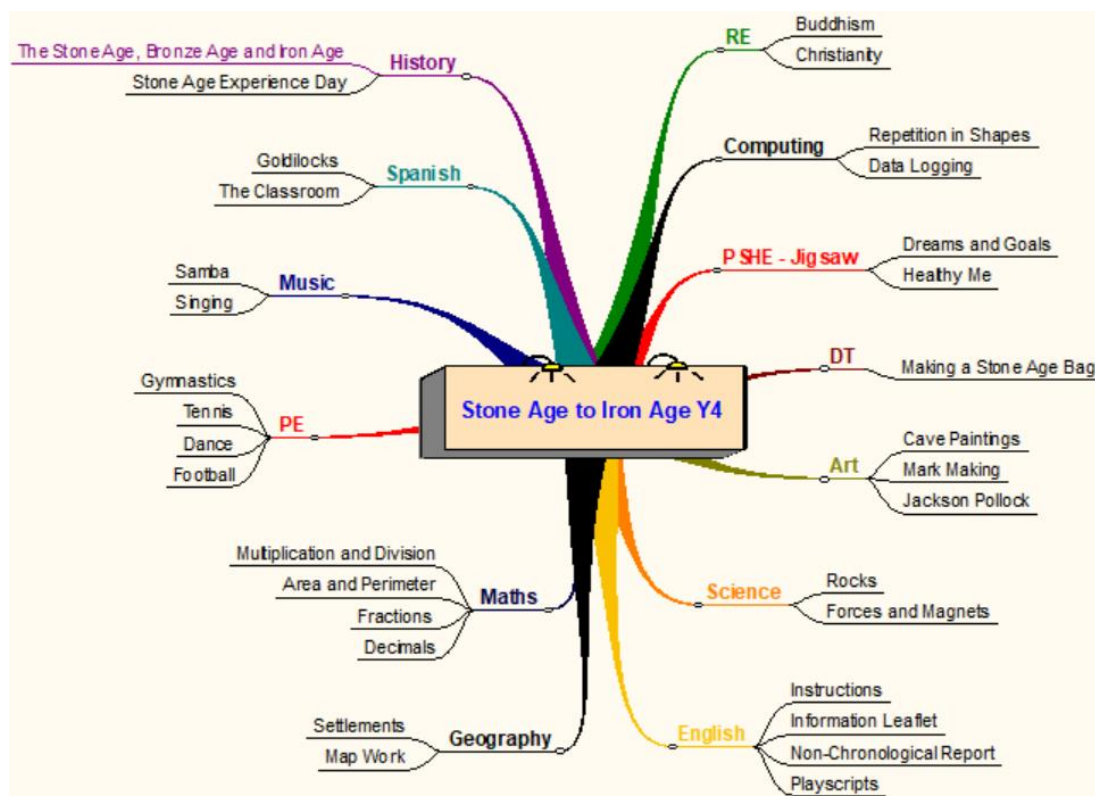


Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your child had a lovely Christmas break and a great start to the new year. The Stone Age to Iron Age will form the main theme for our work for this term with many cross-curricular links. We will be having a Stone Age experience day at school in order to make the learning as experiential as possible. The following mind map gives you an overview of the work we are covering in all subjects during the term.



Times Tables and Minute Maths

As the children are now aware, times tables are incredibly important in all areas of maths work and children in Year 4 will be taking the DfE Times Table Check in June 2026. **By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all times tables facts up to 12 x 12 and be able to recall these within 6 seconds.** Times Tables Rockstars has been extremely popular so far and pupils are making great progress due to their hard work. Please continue to encourage them to access this at home as it is a fantastic way of practicing. There are also many online games and apps to support children with learning their times tables such as 10 minutes a day. It is really beneficial to ask your child to randomly recall times tables facts, whether this is in the car, whilst cooking dinner or whenever suits you! Please contact me if this is something your child is struggling with as I can provide support/ideas to help at home.

Reading

We complete whole-class reading sessions daily in school where we explore a range of stories, non-fiction texts and poetry. We would still encourage children to be reading a diverse range of material at home. Our libraries remain organised in genres and we are encouraging children to choose texts based on genre and author preferences. Our Authors of the Moment for the Spring term will be Nizrana Farook and Philip Pullman. The aim of this is to learn more about authors and develop opinions about writers and their writing styles.

Spellings

Weekly spellings are set on a Friday and tested the following Friday. We will always go through these in school however, the children should also be practising regularly at home. If they can put them into sentences and understand their meaning, this helps reinforce their use and accuracy.

PE Days

Finally, just a reminder that our **PE days will continue to be Wednesday and Friday.** Therefore, children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days. Please ensure your child has adequate PE kit with them appropriate for the weather.

As always, if you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Kind regards,

Miss Evans and Miss Kirkpatrick