



Edmondsley Primary School
November 2016

Dear Parents,

During this half term we will look more closely at how The Stone Age people evolved from hunter/gathering to settling and farming.

We will review our work on the British Isles, developing greater awareness of our 'place', looking more closely at main cities, rivers, highland and roads.

During 'Energy Month' we will learn about the contributory factors to Global Warming, what this means for our world and how we can all help minimise its impact by reducing the amount of energy we use.

In Design Technology we are going to design and make a wooden picture frame, decorated with collected, upcycled materials. A *small* collection from home (e.g. buttons, lids, screws, nuts and bolts etc) would be welcome.

Our literacy texts focus on historical novels and playscripts. In addition to this, we will be reading a range of non-fiction texts based on our topic to develop comprehension skills. Within our written work we will concentrate on proof reading for grammar and punctuation, writing for an audience and using an increasing range of conjunctions and connectives to improve the flow of writing.

We will be concentrating on the following aspects of maths:

- Number and place value
- Reasoning and algebra
- The four operations- mental methods and formal written methods.
- Statistics
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.

In Computing we will continue to develop IT and digital literacy skills. We will use 'Scratch', a coding program to create simple algorithms. We will also use the iPads to make Stone Age comic strips and create songs using Garage Band.

In R.E. once we will be conclude our Signs and Symbols topic, we will consider 'What is Faith and what difference does it make?'

In Personal Development lessons, through our 'Getting On and Falling Out' topic, the children will explore ways in which to diffuse their own anger and more

general problem/conflict situations and will consider a number of useful strategies they could employ.

Swimming will continue each Wednesday morning. PE each Thursday will be gymnastics, continuing until PM Christmas production rehearsals begin. A reminder please to ensure PE kit is ideally kept in a recognisable *and always named* bag in the cloakroom.

Ukulele lessons will continue each Thursday to help everyone develop their musical skills.

Our Christmas performance preparations will provide further opportunity for related music, singing, literacy and art.

Modern Foreign Language studies will continue with basic greetings and simple classroom instructions. We will also extend numbers from 11 to 20. We will also learn how Christmas is celebrated in France.

Things to remember....

Please encourage your child to bring his/her organiser and reading book to school every day. Thankyou to everyone who has kept the home reading and recording going, supported their children to learn the weekly spelling lists and to complete all homework promptly. A reminder that new spelling lists are stuck into the personal organisers each Monday, to be learned for the following Monday. Everyone bringing their organiser/reading book and homework folder on Monday mornings, will receive a golden coin.

Please keep the water bottles coming every day, with ***plain water only*** and a reliable cap to prevent leakage!

If the weather is snowy or wet, please remember boots/wellies are essential, with at least one change of socks to prevent wet, uncomfortable feet.

If have any queries or concerns about any of the above, please call in to see either of us, after school any day.

Yours sincerely,

R Fletcher and S Stephenson