

English

This half term, the children will enter their classrooms to clues to our new text, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We will be exploring and analysing the text, discussing the vocabulary and the author's choices. The children will then go on to write their own 'approaching threat' narrative based on the story. We will also use this opportunity to develop comprehension skills and seek to develop their vocabulary to improve writing. Following this, children will write a fun and interesting explanation piece on how to trap the Iron Man.

History

This half term we will be taking a trip back in time, learning about how Britain changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will explore life during the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods of the Stone Age, interpreting historical sources including artefacts, photographs, diary entries and the remains of the Neolithic settlement of Skara Brae.

Maths

We will begin this year with a focus on place value in which children will become secure in their ability to represent numbers in a variety of ways, partition numbers, place numbers on a number line to 1000, count on in 50s and compare and order numbers. We will then move onto addition and subtraction where the children will become increasingly confident adding and subtracting using 3 digit numbers, using both formal and informal methods. Throughout the year we will be focussing on our times tables, improving the quick recall up to 12x12. Although early, this will help to prepare us greatly for the Multiplication Check in year 4.

Computing

During this half term, we will be exploring the important issue of ESafety. Although this theme runs through all units of work, we will be learning about how to choose strong passwords, how to detect phishing emails, the dangers and effects of cyberbullying and how to write and send emails.



Ditton Primary School Autumn Term Year 3

Science

We will be learning about animals and humans, how our bodies need the right types of nutrition and a balanced diet. We will explore the skeletal and muscle structure of both humans and a variety of animals, understanding that they provide support, protection and help us to move.

PSHE

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at families and friendships and how they can come in many forms. We are hoping to gain an understanding of differences and promote non-discriminatory views.

PE

Children will develop their knowledge of skills used in different sports and discuss their importance, as well as putting the skills into practice. Children will develop these skills through Physical literacy and fundamental movement.

Art

This half term in art we will be making links with our history unit, *The Stone Age*. We will be exploring cave art and trying our hand at creating our own.

RE

We will seek to understand the Christian community and learn about how their beliefs impact the way they live their lives.