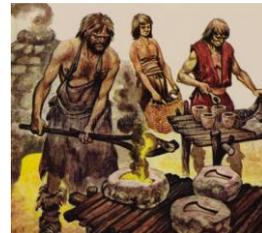


Dear Parents/Carers

We follow a "Creative Curriculum" at Northside. This means that we teach the subjects through a cross curricular topic. We try to incorporate as many subjects as possible but will also be teaching some subjects separately if this seems more appropriate. Our topic this term is



The Iron Age



Literacy: This term we will look at traditional stories from other cultures. We will use the text '**Fly, Eagle, Fly!: An African Tale**' by Christopher Gregorowski. This enchanting tale is about a farmer who goes in search for his lost calf but finds a baby eagle that had been blown out of its nest. He takes it home and raises it with his chickens but when his friend comes to visit one day, he tells the farmer that an eagle should be flying high in the sky, not scrabbling on the ground for grain. This will help us to write our own traditional tales.

Numeracy: This term we will use our understanding of number to solve word problems. We will then write and estimate mathematical statements for addition, division, multiplication and subtraction and use the inverse to check our calculations. Towards the end of the term solve problems involving statistics and passages of time.

Science: We will continue looking at 'Humans including Animals.' We will begin by revising the vocabulary of food groups and look at a healthy diet. After that, we will be studying the human skeleton and its purpose, then comparing it to animal skeletons. Towards the end of the term we will look at joints in the animal body and the movements that each allow, before observing how muscles control every move they make.

British Values: As advised by the government, schools are now required to promote the following British values:

- Tolerance
- The Rule of Law
- Democracy
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect

This term we will look at **Rule of Law**. We will learn about the civil and criminal laws of England and write our own rules for the playground.

Homework is given out on Fridays. Homework books should be handed in on the following Wednesday.

What you can do to help:

Help your child learn their times tables and division facts (2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x, 8x). There are plenty of activities on Mathletics. The following website is good for quick, random recall of multiplication/division facts: www.timestables.me.uk

- Encourage your child to use an analogue watch to read different times and calculate durations.
- Encourage your children to do their homework and hand it in on Wednesday (or earlier)
- We will visit the library every Wednesday (3P) or Friday (3B) -please remind your children to bring in their books.
- To remind your children to bring their reading records to school every day.
- Read with your child 3 times a week, asking questions about the text and helping them to develop a love of books.

As always, if you would like to know more about what we are doing, or you have any questions about your child's work, please make an appointment to see us after school. If you are able to support our topic in any way please let us know.

Yours sincerely

Miss Georgie Burns, Year 3 Class teacher

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