Mansbridge Primary School

Meerkats Curriculum Newsletter **Library Day: Tuesday** **PE Days: Mondays and Tuesdays** **Book Changing Day: Tuesday**

English

Our topic this half term is the Stone Age and in writing, the class will be completing their own their own version of The Stone Age Boy book. In guided reading we are reading Stig of the Dump and the children will be strengthening their understanding or retrieval, decoding, interpreting and explaining. Spelling will be tested on Monday mornings. Later in the term, we will use Stig of the Dump to write a diary entry.

Help your child be a writer by: Encouraging them to use adjectives to describe nouns in greater detail. Ask your child to check they have used capital letters and full stops in their writing at home.

Physical Education

Badminton, Yoga, Football and Dance

Please remember that if your child has a warm PE kit from home, that the tracksuit trousers and jumpers/hoodies are plain and not branded.

History/ Geography

Our focus this half term will be a mixture of history and geography. First, we will go all the way back (17,000 years) to the Stone Age in our history lessons and learn how the people of the time lived, hunted and made shelters.

After half term, we will be developing our location knowledge by learning about the capital cities in the UK. We will be learning about the cities that surround Hampshire and identifying human and physical features of the landscape.

Help your child be a geographer/historian by: asking what life was like in the Stone Age, how they live their lives and showing where major cities are on a map when watching a weather forecast.

Mathematics

In maths we will be continuing to strengthen the children's knowledge of place value and how to represent numbers up to one thousand with dienes apparatus and counters. We will also be learning how to partition numbers up to one thousand. Later in the term we will be building on previous understanding of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. Times table tests will take place every Thursday afternoon.

Help your child be a Mathematician by: asking you child how many hundreds, tens and ones different numbers have when you come across them at home or out and about.

PSHCE

In this unit, children will learn that they need to make informed choices about the food they eat and understand what might influence their choices. They will learn what constitutes a balanced diet understand how to plan and prepare a healthy meal.

Help your child at home by: Looking at food labels to see if they can make healthy choices.

Computing

During our computer lessons this term children will learn about systems and computers and exploring the Scratch app.

R.E

We are looking at what being Holy, special and important means, linking this to Mary Mother of God.

Help your child by: Thinking of times they felt special and important.

Art / DT

In this unit, children will explore looking at how the people of the Stone Age drew images on cave walls. We will also be making castles out of recycled materials.

Help your child at home by: Looking at the proportions of facial features, e.g. the eyes, nose, mouth and ears.