### **English**

Our English sessions this term will combine reading, writing, spelling and grammar. As we will have a strong focus on reading, developing reading fluency (the speed and ease at which we read words and sentences) and comprehension (understanding what we read) are our key objectives for ALL children. Reading will consist of whole class reading, small groups and 1:1 reading with adults where appropriate. Writing sessions will focus on developing sentence structure so that written information is conveyed clearly, concisely and with perfect <u>punctuation!</u> We will focus our learning around rich texts such as <u>Stone Age Boy</u>, <u>The Stolen Spear</u>, <u>Stone Girl Bone Girl</u> and <u>Mega Meltdown</u>. Children will use these books to write narratives, poetry, non-fiction texts and our own letters.

#### History

We will observe the evolution of tools from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and we will explore how people lived and how they used any resources they could find and adapt it to their needs. We will also be learning about prehistoric animals that shared the earth with humans.

#### **Maths**

Pupils will develop their number and place value knowledge through partitioning whole numbers. We will then progress onto using the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It is essential we create a strong foundation of number knowledge as it applies to all areas of Maths. We will also practise our mental maths skills and our times tables (daily) to ensure that children know them off by heart! Please continue to practise times tables at home with your child using Times Table Rock Stars.

#### Art

During our Art lessons the focus will be on how we have used art to communicate. Starting with prehistoric artwork to communicate, we will progress to modern day advertising and persuading customers to purchase products.

Thongsley Fields Primary School

# Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3/4
Autumn 2025

What are we learning this term?

Please remember to read with your child every day! Year 3 – Indoor PE lessons on Tuesdays Year 4 – Swimming on Tuesdays

Children need to come into school wearing their PE kit (Swimming kits in bags on Tuesdays for Year 4).

For anything urgent, please contact the school office.

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## **Religious Education (RE)**

The children will be learning about places of worship. We'll explore many of the major religions' special places and compare and contrast them so that we have a better understanding of these faiths in general.

### Personal Social Health Education (PSHE)

Year 3/4 will be focusing on 'citizenship and democracy.' The children will learn about challenging stereotypes and the value of diversity within our school and wider community during this term.

#### Science

The children will explore rocks, fossils, and soil while discovering the world of pioneering scientist Mary Anning. They'll unlock the secrets of Earth's history, learn about fossil formation, and understand how soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

#### Music

In the Autumn Term, we will be listening to different pieces of music across a range of genres and perform a score from a film. We will be using the works of John Williams and Hans Zimmer to inspire us to compose our own piece of music using percussion instruments.

#### Computing

Children will continue to develop their understanding of coding using flowcharts to organise their algorithms. They will be introduced to the terms 'if/then' and learn the differences between a timer command and a repeat command. They will then be deepening their understand of what it means to be safe online, from appropriate password protection through to what PEGI ratings mean and why they are there.

## **Physical Education (PE)**

Year 3 will be focusing on gymnastics this term and Year 4 will be having swimming lessons. Please ensure that your child has an indoor and an outdoor PE kit. PE days will be every Tuesday.