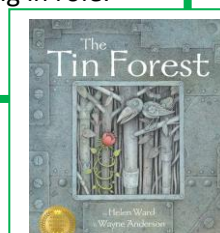


### Our Learning next half term

### Our Place in Europe Animals Including Humans

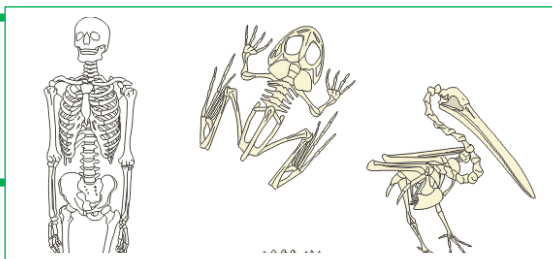
#### English:

Through our work on *The Tin Forest* this half term, we will be looking at writing a setting description based on the story, alongside other writing genres such as a poem, a diary entry and a postcard. We will be thinking about the character's thoughts and feelings and do some roleplay and drama work. Our writing will be supported by exploring the story through a variety of teaching approaches including role on the wall and writing in role.



#### Reading:

We will be exploring a range of texts through a strategy called VIPERS. VIPERS stands for the reading skills: **V**ocabulary, **I**nfERENCE, **P**rediction, **E**xplanation, **R**etrieval and **S**ummarise. These are the key areas which we feel children need to know and understand in order to improve their comprehension of texts.



#### Science:

##### Animals including Humans

We will be learning about the human skeleton and why it is important. Later, we will learn about animal skeletons and how they are all different to one another. We will also be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy by having a balanced diet. We will learn about the food groups and how much we need to eat every day.

#### Geography

We will be looking at what Europe is and where we fit in the continent. We will also explore whether every European country has a capital city and what a continent is. Later, we will be learning about the oceans that surround Europe and the countries that make up Europe. We will be learning about physical and human features of European countries.



#### DT

In DT, we will be learning about the five-food group and be able to match foods with the food group they belong to. We will also explain how much of each food group we should have every day. We will be designing, tasting, making and evaluating wraps.



## Project

We want our children to be super creative over the holidays. We'd like all the children in year 3 to have a go at some of these ideas. What could you put on your class display?

- **Research** – Create and illustrate your own poster about the artist Vincent van Gogh.
- **Picture** – Get inspired by the Vincent van Gogh and draw your own sunflower picture.
- **Writing** – Can you explain how we know about the Stone Age?
- **Reading** – Find a non-fiction book about the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age. Share your favourite fact with the class.
- **Model** – Cut in half a Ferrero Rocher chocolate and explain how it is similar to the Earth's crust.
- **Drama** – Act out what the hunting in the Stone Age was like. What happens? Where are you?
- **Make** – Your own fossil at home using playdoh or papier mâché. Why don't you make some at home and tell us about them!

Do anything fun and creative and tell us about it. Post pictures on your class Purple Mash blog or just write about what you have done.

## How you can support your child at home

Having conversations with your child is so very important please take the time to talk with them about current news events and anything that is important to your family. **It is also essential that you continue to take the time to read with your child and practice times tables with them daily.**

### Links to websites

[www.purplemash.com](http://www.purplemash.com) – Purple Mash

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) & <https://go-read.co.uk/> – Bug Club & Go Read

[www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com) – Time Table Rockstars

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) – My Maths

[www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com) – Spelling Shed

[www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch\\_newsround](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround) - News & current affairs for children

[www.kids-world-travel-guide.com](http://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com) – Children's views of different parts of the world

<https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/7-11-years/> - Information and learning all about food

## Key Vocabulary

Practice key vocabulary with your child.

### Science

- Vertebrates
- Invertebrates
- Endoskeleton
- Exoskeleton
- Joints
- Muscles
- Balanced Diet
- Relax
- Contract
- Organs
- Support
- Protect
- Backbone

### Geography

- Continent
- Europe
- Physical features
- Human features
- Seas
- Oceans
- Cities
- Capital City
- Compass Points
- North
- East
- West
- South

### DT

- Ingredients
- Evaluate
- Design
- Protein
- Appearance
- Combination
- Wrap
- Review
- Diet
- Balanced
- Taste
- Carbohydrates

**All your teachers can't wait to welcome you all back happy, healthy and safe after the half term break.** Mrs Bedford, Miss Bhalla, Miss Panna & Miss Akmal.