



# Bolton-le-Sands C of E Primary School

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the autumn term edition of the Curriculum Newsletter.

This term, the key concepts that we will focus on are: **Change, Adversity, Strength and Equality.**

Our main theme this term is:

**From Rocks to Cogs: How Technology helps Humans**



**Our Key Enquiry Question is:**

Does Technology change Human life?

In **English**, we will be exploring the texts: 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura and 'There's a Pebble in my pocket' by Meredith Hooper. These texts will help the children to place the time in history and make links the change in technology. We will do this through story writing, discussion and debating.

This will be supported by our **geography** and **history** learning where we will explore how people lived and survived in the Stone Age. Our exploration of structures and strengthening in **D&T**, where we will be looking at levers and linkages through pop-up books, will complement and further enhance our topic learning.

In **RE**, the children will be looking at God, David and the Psalms, Proverbs and Light within Christmas.

In **maths**, the children will be learning about place value, 2D and 3D shape, length (including perimeter), statistics, mental calculations, written addition and subtraction, counting multiplication (3x and 4x) written and mental multiplication and division and time.



In **science**, we will be investigating **Forces, Magnets and Sound** and the children will be developing their understanding of fair testing.

In **music**, the children will be listening to, composing and performing music. Children will also be introduced to musical notation.



On **Tuesday** children will be swimming. Please remind yourselves of the letter previously issued.

**PE** will be on **Fridays**; the children will be learning skills in gymnastics by sequencing contrasting actions, as well as learning invasion games and dance.

Children must have a named school PE kit (plain shorts, blue t-shirt and pumps) in school everyday. Trainers and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE are also advised.

Our theme for **PSHE** this term will be 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'.

### How can I help at home?

Reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and Friday. Please spend time each evening reading with your child. Juniors are expected to write their own reading review in their **Reading Records** once they have finished their books.

**Spellings** will be sent home on a Tuesday, to be practised at home and tested the following Tuesday.

**Homework** will be sent out on Fridays, via Google Classroom, to be completed by the following Wednesday. Children will be expected to learn their spellings, read regularly and complete one additional piece of work. In addition, children should practice their times tables using TT Rockstars – there will be a variety of challenges set throughout the year.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Catherine Briggs

