Maths

Areas covered will be: number and place value, addition and subtraction, statistics (tables and graphs) and multiplication. Times tables will be taught and practised every Friday. Please continue to practise these at home. Please also continue to ask your child to read the time on an analogue clock. The children worked hard to improve before the Christmas holidays so it is important that they keep revisiting what they learned so they retain it.

PSHE

This half-term's topic is My Emotions with the aim of developing children's understanding and recognition of their own emotions and those of others, including how we might express feelings.

Art

Art this half term is an artist focus. The Sparrow Class will look at how Leonardo Da Vinci and Jean-Michel Basquiat approached the human form and will produce their own mixed media piece linking to our work in science about skeletons.

RE

In RE the Sparrow Class will be learning about Judaism to answer the question, what is important for Jews about being part of God's family?

Music

The spring unit is around the song Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Reggae songs.

Topic

Our topic for the whole of the Spring term is Stone Age to Iron Age. The Sparrow class will learn about this period of human history which covers the evolution of humans from the earliest hominins to *Homo Sapiens.* Some of the major advances in technology were achieved during this period, including the control of fire, agriculture, metalworking and the wheel.

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Science

Our science this half term is about rocks and soils. The class will be comparing and grouping rocks depending on their appearance and physical properties, finding out how fossils are formed and examining soils to see that they are made up of rocks and organic matter.

English

Sparrow Class will be writing instructions linked to the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' and then starting on a guide to the prehistoric site Skara Brae to link with their topic work.

Out Class Read is the children's classic, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

Please continue to ensure that your child reads every night. Don't forget that they can also borrow books from the book corner for an adult to read at home. Listening to a book being read develops concentration, vocabulary and creativity.

PE

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. It will be outside when the weather allows and the Sparrow Class will be developing skills in cricket and gymnastics.

Computing

Sparrow class will be creating a presentation for their peers about their learning in science. They will be using search engines and recoding video with a green screen so that they can superimpose images behind themselves.

French

In French Sparrow Class will learn to talk about their achievements in games and activities. They also learn the names of the months, as well as a birthday greeting.