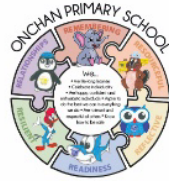




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Spring 1 Newsletter – Year 4

Key Dates for your Diary

11th January – STEM Young Engineers Begins for Yr4

5th- 9th February – Children's Mental Health Week

5th and 8th February – Parents' Evening

6th February – Safer Internet Day

Welcome Back! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for the New Year 2024!

The Stone Age – This will be our learning focus this half term and we have lots of exciting activities planned for the children to really immerse themselves in what life was like during this pre-historic time.

STEM Young Engineers – We are lucky enough to be working with Adrian from Young Engineers, who will deliver a 6 week programme of workshops. This concept brings together Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths in a fun and constructive way. Look out for photographs from our sessions on the school website!

Parents' Evening – More information will follow in due course, but remember that these meetings are an opportunity for you to understand where your child is up to with their learning and their next steps.

Safer Internet Day – Please ensure that you are talking to your child about being safe online. A good place to begin is the 'Safer School App' which can also be accessed here www.oursaferschools.co.uk

Home Learning – Please continue to encourage your child to access Spelling Shed, TT Rockstars and Read Theory on a regular basis. We will also be regularly updating Microsoft Teams this term with some weekly consolidation activities.

Some requests this half term

Bug Hotel – The children may have talked about designing a bug hotel as part of their outdoor learning last half term for our outdoor learning area. At the end of this half term we are hoping to finally build one similar to the one pictured below. Please can we ask if you have any of the following items that would be useful for this to please send them into school over the next few weeks: wooden palettes, plastic pipes/tubes, old brush heads, bricks with holes in, old roof tiles, tree branches/sticks and anything else you think is appropriate and could be re-used for this creation.

Bottles – During Week 3, we are hoping to plant some berries as part of our Stone Age topic. To start our seedlings off we will be creating mini greenhouses for them using the bottom cut off a bottle. Could we ask that if you have any of these at home over the next few weeks that you don't throw them away, please send them into school with your child.

Vegetables – During Week 4, we are hoping to plant some vegetables using 'scraps' as part of our Stone Age topic. This week we would like each child to bring in part of a vegetable to see if we can re-grow it.

Mrs Callister, Mrs Crellin and Mrs Moore are available after school if you have any queries or concerns, or contact us through the school office if required OnchanEnquiries@sch.im