

Stone Age to Iron Age



English

For our first English unit, the children will be learning how to write effective instructions using the text *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth* by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley as inspiration. After this, the children will be writing a narrative set in the Stone Age about a child sent back in time.

Finally, to round off the Autumn term and get in the spirit of Christmas, Year 3 will be writing Christmas themed acrostic poems.

Reading

To begin Autumn 2, the children will be working on their fact retrieval and word meaning skills in our non-fiction unit. As well as this, we will be reading *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King as our class reader and then using this text to support the children's learning in the following reading unit on fiction.

Children are expected to read at home at least **3 times a week for 20 minutes** and get their reading records signed.

Recommended Reads: Why not try other stone age books such as *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura or *Secrets of Stonehenge* by Mick Manning.

Maths

This half term, the children will continue to build on their knowledge of addition and subtraction before moving on to multiplication and division.

There will continue to be a focus on times tables this term. The children will be consolidating their recall of the 2s, 5s and 10s and learning the 3s, 4s and 8s.

Any times table practice you can do at home with your children would be greatly appreciated!

Topic (History)

Our history topic this half term takes the children approximately 2.5 million years in to the past where they will begin their journey through history. We'll be fitting millions of years of history in to our lessons and travelling from the start of the Stone Age, through the Bronze Age before finally ending our historical topic a mere 2000 years in the past at the end of the Iron Age (setting us up perfectly for our next history topic, Roman Around!).

To celebrate this fantastic topic, we will be taking the children to the Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne where they will get to try authentic historical activities such as fence building.

Physical Education Movement and balance through gymnastics (indoor) and team building activities (outdoor)

PE kit is required on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Computing This half term, the children will develop their understanding of the basics of computing by using powerpoint to create presentations about the Stone Age.

Music Pentatonic melodies and composition using Glockenspiels.

RE What Christmas means to Christians and the Holy Trinity.

Science The children will be learning two topics in science this half term: *Animal and Human Skeletons* and *Nutrition*.

French As well as continuing to practise counting and basic greetings, the children will be learning how to describe their families using French vocabulary.

Jigsaw Celebrating Differences

Art The children will be exploring the use of both charcoal and chalk to imitate cave paintings.



Homework

English and maths homework will be set every **Thursday**, to be handed in the **following Wednesday**.

Maths Homework is set on mymaths.co.uk. If your child does not have access to a tablet or computer, please let your child's teacher know.

We would also like to ask that the children complete 10 minutes on TTRockstars each day.

Weekly spellings are set on a **Monday** in the children's spelling books and diaries, with **3 sentences** to be written in their pink spelling books. These are to be completed ready for the **following Monday**.

Home Learning

Choose and learn about a topic related to the Stone, Bronze or Iron Age to present to the class. A slip with further details will be provided.

This is due the week beginning 6th December.

Article 29 You have the right to an education that should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.