

## English

This term, we're using the *Talk for Writing* approach to build confidence and creativity in writing. We'll start with *Stone Age Boy*, linking to our history topic, to help children develop character descriptions and story structure. Later, we'll focus on instructional writing using the book *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*, encouraging clear, step-by-step writing. We'll also continue to strengthen spelling, punctuation and grammar through daily basic skills lessons.

## Geography & History

Grab your spear and step into the world of the Stone Age! This term, we'll explore how early humans lived—what they ate, wore, and how they survived in a harsh environment. Through role play, timelines, storytelling and hands-on activities, children will bring history to life. To end the topic, we'll design and build detailed Stone Age dioramas using natural and recycled materials.

## RE & PSHE

In RE our key question will be, 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?' In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Being Me' before considering what makes a 'Celebrating Differences'.

## Languages

This term, we will be focusing on greetings and getting to know ourselves in French. We will be moving on to Spanish later in the term and learning colours and days of the week.

## Mathematics

In maths, we're diving into place value, addition and subtraction through hands-on activities and practical challenges. We'll be using a variety of fun resources to help children really understand numbers. Times tables will be practised in exciting and interactive ways to help make them stick! We'll also be developing our reasoning skills by solving puzzles, asking questions, and explaining our thinking.

## Science

We're kicking off this half term by digging deep into the topic of rocks! Children will explore the differences between natural and manmade rocks and learn how to group them by their properties. We'll also step into the shoes of famous fossil hunter Mary Anning, discovering how fossils are formed and what they tell us about life long ago. Expect lots of hands-on fun with soil and fossil experiments along the way!

## Art & Design Technology

In Art, we'll be stepping into the Stone Age by turning ourselves into cave people and using charcoal to create our own cave-inspired artwork. We'll also explore colour mixing and learn how to use tone effectively through painting. In DT, children will design and make their own Stone Age tools ready for an exciting excavation activity. We'll also get creative with clay as we craft our very own Stone Age-style necklaces.

## Computing

We will begin by looking at internet safety. We will be learning how to stay safe online. We will then be looking at computing systems and networks. We will produce an end creation through stop frame animation.

## Music

In music we will be exploring timbre, structure and texture using our Music Express lessons. Later in the term we will move on to pitch and dynamics. We will link our music lessons to our topic by singing some Stone Age themed songs!

## Physical Education

With Mrs Haines, the children will take part in invasion games that help them build teamwork, learn to move into space, and develop simple attacking and defending skills. Through fun, small-sided games, they also grow in confidence, fitness, and fair play.

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## Rock Around the Stone Age

## How you can help and additional information

Reading with your child every night and discussing the stories helps boost their literacy skills and confidence. Practising spellings set by the school also supports their learning. In maths, practising times tables, division facts, and telling the time reinforces what we learn in class. When teachers and parents work together, children thrive! Your support with homework and learning tasks makes a big difference. Please feel free to reach out anytime—I'm here to help. Thank you for being part of your child's learning journey!