



Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you to the children for all of their hard work over the last term. It has been an especially challenging situation and we have been absolutely blown away by the motivation, resilience and wonderful attitude. Also, a huge thank you to the parents/carers who have been such an invaluable support during this time.

This half term our new topic will have a historical focus where the children will learn how people developed over thousands of years from the Stone Age to the Roman invasion. They will discover ancient artefacts and monuments that will reveal the secrets of an ancient time and even create their own cave paintings! Our class text will be *Stone Age Boy* written by Satoshi Kitamura and we will develop our role-play and inference skills throughout this narrative.

- **Reading books** should be brought into school **every day** if in school. If home learning please tag Miss Wynder on TEAMS if you have completed your Accelerated Reader test and require a new book. She will then provide you with one that you can collect from the office. Please read with your child or encourage your child to read independently if they prefer. We aim to change books weekly and now have a specific library time on a Wednesday afternoon for those in school. Due to the current guidelines, when a child returns a book to school, it will remain in a lidded box for a quarantine period of 72 hours before being put back into the library.
- If in school your child will come in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. For both Year 3 classes this will be on a Monday, Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please ensure that they have appropriate clothing as they do go out in all weathers (shorts, tracksuit bottoms, jumper, t-shirt, trainers and socks). **All items of uniform and PE kit must be named.** **Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school.** Those at home please ensure you are also wearing the appropriate clothing for the sessions taking place online. We continue to have Junior Jam supporting the school, focusing on broadening the children's knowledge in Computing, PE and Music.
- Forest School, for both Year 3 classes, will still take place on a Friday. Please ensure that your child brings in a change of footwear which is suitable for the forest school environment. They will also need a waterproof coat during this term due to the unpredictable weather.
- Please ensure that children can access their TEAMS page, TT Rockstars and Century at home. Activities and challenges will continue to be uploaded to their accounts based on current learning and completing these will vastly support their progress. Well done for all the engagement with TEAMS so far and please continue to use this facility for learning.

Formal Letters We will be writing to the University of Leicester to ask about the archaeological discovery of the 2300-year-old 'Enderby Shield'.	Diary We will be developing our diary writing techniques to write in the perspective of child living in the Iron Age.	Biography The children will be writing an account detailing the life of Boudicca. Detailing her uprising against the conquering forces of the Roman Empire.
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Maths

Online Learning We will continue to develop and engage with our online learning. We will also continue to use Century and TT Rockstars to challenge pupils based on topic taught.	Fractions Count up and down in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10. Recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators. Recognise and use fractions as numbers: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators. Recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators. Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole. Compare and order unit fractions, and fractions with the same denominators. Solve problems that involve all of the above.	Measurement – Time Tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks. Answer questions based on time measurement and show clear reasoning within their answers. Set their work out clearly and accurately in their book.
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Grammar		The children will be learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accurate use of pronouns in sentences - Possessive apostrophes - Prepositions - Revision of direct speech - Present perfect form of verbs - Instructions to colons
Science	Rocks	The children will be learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Type of rocks. - Grouping rocks – igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic - Exploring how fossils are formed - Researching fossil collector Mary Anning - Investigating soil formation
Geography		The children will identify key physical features and compare it to our local area today. They will use fieldwork to observe, measure, record present these findings.
History		The children will understand and identify the timeline of Stone Age to the Iron Age and note the differences between them. They will discover the job of an archaeologist and compare ancient civilization to today.
PSHE	Plastic Pollution	The children will be learning about our current climate and how we can look after the environment.
Art and DT		Pupils will have the chance to create their own cave drawings and create their own clay pots using ancient artefacts for inspiration.

Things that you could do at home:

- Use your local library to find out about the Stone Age.
- Practise sketching/modelling/painting ancient artefacts researched at home.
- Practise reading the time at home and see if you can do this throughout the day!

Here are a few websites that may help to support your child's learning during this half term.

Maths

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd8mt39>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znsc86f>

Fractions

English

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkkj2sg>

Formal and Informal Language

Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt>

Rocks

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