





Year 3—Autumn 2 Topic Overview

This half term, our topic is titled: It Rocks! In this topic, we will be learning about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age and using this to support our creative ideas in our English writing. In addition to this, we will be developing our sketching skills in art and learning about rocks and soils in science.

Miss Scott, Miss Cockram, Mrs Parsons and Mrs Blake

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<p style="text-align: center;">Reading</p> <p>In Reading lessons, we are reading, 'The Stolen Spear' where we learn about Wolf and his adventures to find the stolen spear. Additionally, we will be looking at non-fiction texts about the Stone Age. This half term, we will be focussing on prediction, retrieval, and inference skills.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Writing</p> <p>In English lessons, we are reading, 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth.' In our writing, we will be writing a set of instructions on how to wash/feed/look after a sabre toothed tiger. In addition to this, we will be using 'The Stolen Spear' to retell the story of when Wolf meets Crow from Crow's point of view.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>This half term we will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills using formal written methods alongside pictures and concrete resources. We will also be looking at multiplication and division using equal groups, arrays, sharing and grouping. Alongside this, we will be consolidating our 2, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>This half term, we will be learning about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including daily life, settlements, farming, tools and weapons, clothing and trade. We will also be developing our understanding of when this time period was and how long it lasted.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education)</p> <p>This half term the theme is 'Rights and Responsibilities' This will involve, looking at key people whose responsibilities are to keep us safe and healthy and recognising the difference between fact and opinion.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>In Science, we will be learning about rocks. We will be comparing their appearances and features as well as recognising how fossils are formed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Art</p> <p>In Art, we will be developing our drawing skills, learning how to create different effects and textures using pencil and charcoal. We will be creating observational drawings of Stone Age Creatures.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Games and PE</p> <p>In our PE lessons, we will be following a series of Yoga lessons to develop our core strength, control, balance and mindfulness. In Games lessons, we will be exploring Basketball skills and team games.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RE (Religious Education)</p> <p>Our concept in RE is waiting; we will be thinking about how Christians use the time of waiting during Advent and have a go at making our own Advent wreaths.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">French</p> <p>Our focus in French this half term is animals. We will learn the French names of 10 different animals and the correct determiner to use for each.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>In Music, we will be listening and responding to a range of music, learning what is meant by texture, diction, melody, drone and ostinato, before composing our own piece of music with tuned and untuned instruments.</p>	

Key Dates:

Remembrance: Monday 11th November

Year 3/4 Christmas play: Thursday 12th December at 2pm

Trip to Butser Farm: Monday 18th November

Friday 13th December at 9:15am

INSET Day: Friday 29th November

Christmas lunch and jumper day: Wednesday 18th December

PE Days (Please wear PE kit on these days): Ash and Elm— Monday and Thursday Oak— Tuesday and Friday

Homework reminders - completion of homework tasks will be rewarded with Effort Marks:

Spelling - your child will have their weekly spellings stuck into their home school diary. These will be practised in school ready for a test every **Friday**. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home using the games on Spelling Shed. Your child's log-in details can be found in their home school diary.

Reading - x5 weekly at home Please sign your child's home school diary

Your child will receive a maths or English homework. This task will be handed out on a Friday and will be due in on a Thursday.

Multiplication Tables - Your child will receive their TT Rockstar log-in details and can begin practising their times tables at home.