

Literacy

The children will look at a range of non-chronological reports and information texts. They will be using a range of sources to gather information about life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Building on this knowledge, they will be creating their own detailed reports. We will then look at the story of The Stone Age Boy to help us understand the changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children will use their imagination to write a story illustrating the differences between the different ages. The children will also be writing their own instructions to show how to make clay pots in DT. Weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar sessions will consolidate work covered in Key Stage 1 and will begin to look at the application of these skills.

PSHCE

There will be 3 major strands to our PSHCE coverage this half term. These are; learning to respect differences in others, understanding each other and challenging stereotypes. Children will develop the skills to develop and maintain a positive and healthy relationship with their peers and other people.

Year 3 Spring 1

As Time Began



Numeracy

This half term the children will be looking at fractions of numbers and shapes and how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. Following this, they will look at addition and subtraction methods. They will be improving their mental recall of numbers and developing efficient methods when using money and solving problems. There will also be a huge emphasis on the rapid recall of times tables through a range of games and activities. Children will also be covering different types of angles and learning the language associated with position and direction.

ICT

Children will use ICT as a source to research information about Pre-Historic Britain. They will create their own leaflet using Microsoft Publisher. They will be learning how to crop images, resize and rotate images to fit into their leaflet.

Year 3 Projects

Children are once again encouraged to bring in a project, of their choice, linked to the Stone Age which will be discussed and presented to the class.

Great North Museum

Why not visit to look at the exhibitions linked to the Stone Age?

Science

In Science, the children will look at a selection of rock samples and compare and describe them according to the different characteristics. They will carry out investigations to see how they wear, using hand lenses to observe and sketch the surface of each rock. They will use a variety of samples to test for permeability by observing how much and how quickly water is absorbed. Children will also be researching the work of Mary Anning and finding out about fossils. They will record their findings in a variety of ways, including charts, tables and graphs.

P.E.

Year 3 will be learning how to create their own group dance to a range of music, changing direction, speed and level. Class 7 will continue their weekly swimming lessons. Class 8 will be learning the skills of basketball with Mrs Turner on a Friday.

DT

Making links with our work in history the children will use a coiling technique to make their own clay pots and learn how to join pieces together.



Music

There is an exciting theme to music this half-term as all children will have a weekly African Drumming workshop held by music specialists. Children will learn a song to perform to their peers.

Art

Linked to their topic work, pupils will use websites to research the origins of cave art and work to create their own pieces of art using a variety of printmaking techniques. They will be following the work of Andy Goldsworthy and creating their own sculptures.

Spanish

In Spanish the children will build on what they have already learnt this year. The children will learn how to say how old they are, where they live and learn all of the names of the numbers from 13 - 20. The children will continue to perfect their conversational skills and learn Spanish songs.

Topic

The children will be creating a timeline to show how the earth began leading up to Pre-historic Britain. Following this, the children will begin to look at a range of evidence collated from a recent Archaeological excavation at Low Hauxley, Northumberland. Our visitor from Archeosoup will also be showing us a range of artefacts and looking at how tools, houses and lifestyles of humans have changed from the Stone Age, through to the Iron Age.

R.E.

This half term the children will be learning about Sikhism. We will learn about the teachings of Guru Nanak and his leadership qualities. The children will also come to understand the culture of Sikhs by learning about their beliefs, place of worship and the 5 K's.

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory/ancient-britain.shtml>

<http://stoneagequest.org.uk/teacher/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/7_8/rocks_soil_s.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/rocks_soil_s/read/1/