

# Through the Ages!

### **Our Topic**

This term's topic, Through the Ages, will allow the children to explore the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. We will be kicking off this term's learning with a Stone Age themed day where the children will be taking part in various workshops including cave drawings, Stonehenge silhouette art, salt dough jewellery and we even have a special visitor coming into school.

We will be reading the story The Wild Way Home as our class novel during this term.

#### PE

We ask that children have their full PE kit in school **at all times** and only take them home at the weekend and during holidays.

#### Homework

In Year 3 and 4, we have high expectations with homework and expect it to be handed in on time and to a high standard. Children in Year 3&4 will be expected to:

• Regularly read at home. At least three times a week. Teachers will check the children's home school diary at the end of each week.

• Learn their weekly spellings to be given out on a Friday to be completed for the following Friday.

• Complete a weekly homework activity, linked to something we have recently covered in class. This will also be handed out/collected in on a Friday.

Thank you for your continued support. The Year 3 and 4 Team

History	In History, we will be travelling back in time to the Stone Age. We will be using clues and artefacts to help us understand how early man survived. We will also be developing our understanding of chronology using timelines.
Science	Over the course of the 'Through the Ages' topic, we will be learning about 'Rocks & Light'. There will be lots of exciting experiments including creating our own fossils and a shadow box!
DT	In DT, we will be designing, making and evaluating Stone Age inspired drawstring bags.
Art	In Art, we will be creating our own cave drawings using various media including charcoal and pastels.
Computing	In Computing, we will be coding – learning about Sequence and Animation in year 3 and Variables in year 4.
PE	In Autumn 1, we will be focusing on developing skills in orienteering and gymnastics. In Autumn 2, we will improve our skills in invasion games and net & wall games,
Music	We will be developing our understanding of pitch, pulse and rhythm in our singing lessons this term.
Spanish	In Spanish in year 3, we will be learning basic greetings, how to ask people how they are and classroom instructions. In Spanish in year 4, we will be learning how to name pets and parts of the body.
RE	We will be learning about Christianity and develop an understanding of Jesus' parables.
PSHCE	In PSHCE, we will be looking at how we make ourselves and others happy. We will also be looking at why having a group of friends is important and what makes a healthy friendship.

## **Creative Homework**

Here are some suggestions for some creative activities linked with our current topic for your child to complete at home.

Try out a Stone Age Oatcakes recipe. (we would love to see the photos!)	Create your own cave painting.
Create a Stonehenge biscuit sculpture.	Design your own Stone Age outfit.
Make a 3D model of a Stone Age house.	Create your own non-chronological report about the Stone, Iron or Bronze Ages.