

English

During the first two weeks of the term, Year 3 will focus on our classroom continent, Australasia. We will learn about a variety of Australian animals and compare different countries within the continent, applying their research skills to create a fact file about one of these countries. For the remainder of the term, our learning will centre on the Stone Age. We will develop our writing skills by creating dialogues between characters, expanding our vocabulary, and practising joined handwriting. We will also use descriptive language to write a detailed cave scenery descriptions as well as practise our reading comprehension skills.

Maths

We start the year by developing their understanding of place value up to a thousand. We will be able to recognise the value of each digit in a three-digit number, as well as compare and order numbers. We can identify, represent and estimate numbers in a variety of ways and can count from zero in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100. We will explore the relationship between tens and hundreds, including finding 10 or 100 more or less than a given number. Alongside this, we will refine our addition and subtraction skills through both mental methods and the introduction of formal written column methods.

Science

In Science we will learn about the three main types of rock: sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. We will develop an understanding of how each is formed as well as investigate, compare and group them by observing their properties. We will discover how fossils are formed and what they can tell us about life in the past. In addition, we will learn about the formation of soil and understand how it is created through natural processes over time. Through practical investigations and discussions, we will develop our scientific enquiry skills and recording.

French

We will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills while beginning to write simple words and sentences. We will learn how to greet others, introduce themselves, count, and use everyday classroom phrases, while also exploring France and its capital city, Paris.

Computing

We will be developing our understanding of digital technology and how computers work. This includes different parts of digital devices, how they are connected and share data, inputs, processes and outputs, and compare digital and non-digital tools.

Art

Inspired by the Stone Age topic, children will explore the famous Lascaux Cave paintings and create their own cave-style artwork. They will develop their drawing and painting skills through observation, experimenting with a range of materials, and using different techniques to create texture, tone and detail.

RSHE

In RSHE, we will explore relationships, belonging and responsibilities within different communities. We will learn about the rights and needs of others, the importance of taking responsibility and who we can talk to if they have any worries or concerns.

PE

In PE, we will be developing our Netball skills. We will learn and practise key techniques, including chest and bounce passes, finding space, moving and controlling the ball effectively, marking opponents, working as a team and shooting for goal with confidence.

Woodland Learning

During our time in the woods we will become wildlife detectives, create cave art, build Stone Age inspired shelters and try ancient building techniques like wattle and daub.

RE

In RE, we will be focusing on Hinduism and exploring some of the beliefs and practices that are important to Hindus. We will explore the rituals that take place at the River Ganges and understand why this river is considered sacred. We will also discuss and reflect on the belief that Brahman is present in everything and consider what this means for Hindu worship and daily life.

History

We will be travelling back in time to explore how life in Britain changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will discover how early humans survived, learning about their tools and inventions. We will investigate the remarkable settlement of Skara Brae, the mystery of Stone Hedge and examine archaeological discoveries. As they move through the Bronze Age and Iron Age, we will see how homes developed and why hillforts were built.

Music

This half term we will learn how to play a djembe drum. We learn bass and tone notes, different notation rhythms, sing in call and response and perform as an ensemble.



Australasia Class

Autumn 1 - Stones and Bones

Key Texts:

- Stone Age Tales by Terry Deary
- The Cave Explorer by Kate Winter
- Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura
- The First Drawing by Mordicai Gerstein

