



Secrets of the Past

Year 3 - Term 4

February 2022



Our topic this term sends us back in time, learning about “Secrets of the Past”. We will learn about the huge changes to human life during the Stone Age, into the Bronze Age and then the Iron Age, stopping just short of the Roman invasion in 43AD. We will first set the scene, distinguishing between the Palaeolithic (Old Stone) Age, the Mesolithic (Middle Stone) Age and the Neolithic (New Stone) Age. We will look at images of cave paintings dating back to the Mesolithic Age as these provide evidence of how humans lived during this period. We'll make our own paints from natural ingredients and create our own paintings.

As part of this topic, we will be learning about the discovery of the Neolithic settlement Skara Brae and pondering the secrets of Stonehenge. Part of our English will be linked to our topic through the text ‘Stone Age Boy’. In addition, we will be learning about information texts.

Our science this term is nutrition in animals and our PSHEE is ‘Healthy Me’ so we will be combining this learning to find out how we can keep ourselves fit and healthy. PE will be based around dance and athletics and in computing we will explore branching databases.

There is so much for us to learn about during this vast period of change: the creation of the earliest works of art 30,000 years ago; the development of farming; the varied prehistoric diet; and how early people made fire. We are really looking forward to uncovering Secrets of the Past with Year 3 this term.

Supporting your child at home

Your support at home continues to be really important.

- Fluency in mental maths and good recall of number facts, such as multiplication tables and number bonds, underpin confident number work and will give your child dexterity with number. **This term, we are focusing on the three times table but please do continue to practise the 2s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s.**
- **Please keep reading with your child at home!** Research has shown that when children read extensively they become better writers. Reading a variety of genres helps children learn text structures and language that they can then transfer to their own writing. In addition, reading provides children with prior knowledge that they can use in their stories. Even if your child reads independently, it is important to listen to them read regularly to ensure they understand what they're reading.
- **Please keep practising spellings using the weekly Spelling Shed materials.**

Date for the Diary:

World Book Day: Friday 4th March

**Thank you for your
continued help and support.
The Year 3 team**

