

Curriculum Overview for Year 3 and 4 Pupils – Term 1

Theme title: What evidence did the first civilisations leave behind?

Provisional launch pad event: Trip to Samphire Hoe

<p>English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i></p>	<p>In English this term, Year 3 will start the year by looking at information texts. They will be identifying the features and then having a go at writing their own leaflet all about Samphire Hoe. Next, Year 3 will be learning about alternative fairy stories! At the end of the term, they will have a go at writing their own. Year 4 will start the year by learning about character descriptions, performance poetry and writing play scripts.</p>	
<p>Maths <i>Maths homework is set every Thursday and should be returned to school every Tuesday.</i></p>	<p>Children will be revisiting and consolidating place value and the four operations from their previous years. They will be learning how to improve their skills of counting, partitioning and calculating. There will be a real focus on times tables and children will be expected to learn and practise these, up to 12 x 10, at home as well as at school. We will also be learning to work in a systematic and logical way when solving various number problems.</p>	
<p>Science</p>	<p>Our topic in Science this term will be Rocks. Children will be learning about different rocks and comparing them based on their appearance. They will also be learning to explain the difference between sedimentary and igneous rocks. After that pupils will begin to look at how fossils are formed over thousands of years and describing how different soils are made.</p>	<p>We will be writing instructions about how fossils are formed. Children will also be considering the geography of the school area looking at soil samples!</p>
<p>Geography</p>	<p>In Geography this term, children will be learning all about the differences between; The British Isles, the United Kingdom and Great Britain. They will be locating some of the islands surrounding the United Kingdom. Also, pupils will use an atlas to locate cities in the United Kingdom. Finally, they will investigate the ethnic groups that England is made up from.</p>	<p>Year 3 will be writing a leaflet about Samphire Hoe. Children will make links with their science learning this term, about rock types and geology around the UK.</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>During History, children will be using a range of different artefacts and discoveries to investigate and find out about how life was during the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages. They will learn about how they made and used tools, the types of homes, how people farmed the land and beliefs. We will also be exploring the similarities and differences between the different time periods.</p>	<p>We will be making a timeline of discoveries from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Year 4 will be writing a portal story set within the Stone Age.</p>
<p>Art</p>	<p>In art this term, children will be looking at cave art! They will start the term by looking at the different features of Stone Age art and then the different techniques that were used thousands of years ago! Children will then have a go at recreating some of these pieces using charcoal and pastels.</p>	
<p>DT</p>	<p>Pupils will be researching traditional Iron Age meals using ICT. They will plan and prepare an Iron Age stew. The children will also understand the importance of being safe and hygienic in the kitchen.</p>	
<p>Computing</p>	<p>Children will be learning how networks are connected and what information is safe to share via different networks. Also, they will learn how to safely search online using key words and phrases. They will be able to understand the difference between fact and opinion.</p>	
<p>PE</p>	<p>In outdoor PE this term, children in Year 3 and 4 will be learning about lacrosse! They will learn some of the key skills needed and will have a go at playing some mini games. In indoor PE, the children will be learning some country dancing! They will have a go at two main dances and work as a group to perform these at the end of the term.</p>	
<p>Music</p>	<p>In music this term, children will look at whether instruments were used in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age. They will also be having a go at some singing, learning a song all about life in the Stone Age.</p>	
<p>RE</p>	<p>During term, 1 and 2 pupils will be learning about what it means to be a Christian in Britain today? Pupils will learn about Christian beliefs and how they show their faith. They will discuss what it is like to be a Christian in Britain today and how at times it can be hard.</p>	
<p>P.S.H.E</p>	<p>Pupils will be discussing what a healthy and positive friendship is. They will discuss how friendships can change as they get older, how to deal with friendship issues and what to do if they feel lonely. They will also be discussing the impact of hurtful behaviour both online and offline.</p>	

Ways in which you could support next terms curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Horrible Histories (Stonge age, Bronze age, Iron age/Celts) *Stig of the Dump *Stone Age Boy *Ug 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Stonehenge *Dover Museum- Bronze Age boat *Farms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Cook a stew *Make a model of a Bronze Age house *Practise your sketching skills