

Tropical Birds Autumn Term 1

The Stone Age to the Iron Age

Topic Overview

This half term Tropical Birds will be learning about Prehistoric times. They will look at life in the Stone Age and begin to understand where in our history the Stone Age fits. We will be developing our reading skills by sharing Stig of the Dump in our Whole Class reading sessions. The children will read with a partner and be read to to model the 'reader's voice' and deepen their understanding of the events within the text. The children will be making Woolly Mammoths and try to strengthen them to see which can hold the most weight. We will learn about the oldest known cave paintings and have a go at making our own. We will even have a go at making our own paint! Children will continue to be taught maths according to the White Rose Scheme to develop on their learning from last year.




Subject Focus

History
Design Technology and Art

Programmes of Study

English	<p>We will cover the following genres of writing within our learning experiences this half-term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Narrative texts ● Diary entries ● Non-chronological reports in History linked to The Stone Age <p>Grammar focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conjunctions ● Varied openers ● Writing in the first and third person ● Sentence types and their purposes within writing <p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Whole class text; Stig of the Dump by Clive King ● Retrieval skills- retelling specific details about the text. ● Inference- using my knowledge of the text to make comments and predictions
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roman Numerals (Year 4 only) ● Number and Place Value ● Addition and Subtraction ● Measurement, length and perimeter (Year 4 only) ● Multiplication
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understand life of people in the Stone Age ● Understand how the Stone Age is positioned in our past linked to chronology ● Learn about the daily lives of Stone Age people, their homes and ways of life e.g farming, food and clothing ● Prehistoric animals
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create cave style paintings using our understanding of Stone Age life and prehistoric animals
Design Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Know how to develop, plan and communicate ideas ● Follow instructions to create a Woolly Mammoth

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate how to strengthen their Mammoth so it can carry weight Evaluate how well they have constructed their Mammoth and how strong their Mammoth is based on the weight it can carry.
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tropical Birds will be learning about Rocks and Soils Children will compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties. They will learn how fossils are formed They will learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology. Children will understand how soil is formed
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This term our music is taught by Music Hub for Year 4 and Year 3 will complete activities linked to rhythm, tempo and tune in song.
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children will be playing team and competitive games The children will be doing Outdoor and Adventurous Activities
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This half term the children will be using the chrome books to complete activities linked to reading in school
PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Beginnings- Making friends, finding what we have in common and thinking about the New Year ahead at school and how to make it their best year yet!
Religious Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This half term Tropical Birds will be learning about Murtis and their religious significance for Hindus.

Curriculum Enrichment 	Home Learning 
<p>Creating cave paintings and paints</p> <p>Making Woolly Mammoths- Please send in washed 4 Pint Milk bottles</p> <p>Year 4 Residential to Caldecotte Xperience</p>	<p>Reading</p> <p>Weekly spellings</p> <p>Times table practice</p>
Reminders 	What you can do at home?
<p>Please return letters via Parent Mail if your child is interested in Invasion Games Club this will be held 3.15 to 4.15pm every Wednesday from Wednesday 18th September until Wednesday 11th December. There will be no club on Wednesday 16th October due to Parent's Evening.</p> <p>The children need their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday. They will be doing PE outside</p>	<p>Please listen to your child read 3 times a week or more. They can fill in their reading record- you just need to sign to say you have heard them read and talk about what has happened, why characters feel a certain way as our children are good at reading words however they need to be constantly developing their ability to retell details and infer using what they know from what they have read.</p>

this half term, weather permitting so they need to have appropriate clothing and footwear e.g t-shirt, shorts, jogging bottoms, jumper, trainers/plimssoles.

Children with pierced ears should either bring micro pore tape to cover their own ear-rings to ensure they are safe and cannot easily get caught during PE. Alternatively, they should be removed for the days your child has PE. Adults are not allowed to remove/put in ear-rings due to health and safety.

Any other jewellery should be removed e.g watches. No other jewellery should be worn at school.

Hair shoulder length or longer should be tied back to reduce the level of distraction in class and to make sure it is not in the children's way. It also lessens the spread of head lice.

Please check your child's hair for head lice regularly to ensure that it is treated quickly before it causes too much discomfort to the children.

Recite times table facts

1x2=2...

The Year 3 children should know their 2s, 5s, 10s and be beginning to learn their 3s.

The Year 4 children should know 3s, 4s and 8s and be beginning to learn their 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s!

Diary Dates



Harvest Worship at in the hall

Wednesday 16th October 9.00am

Parent's Evening Dates

Tuesday 15th October 3.30pm-5.00pm

Wednesday 16th October 3.30pm-6.00pm

Thursday 17th October 3.30pm-5.00pm

Year 4 Residential to Caldecotte Xperience

Tuesday 22nd October to Thursday 24th October