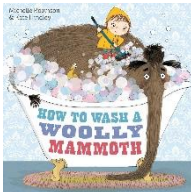
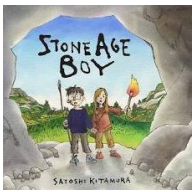


The Stone Age

Autumn 1 2026

English 	We will begin the school year by reading and exploring the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' and 'Stone Age Boy', which links perfectly to our Stone Age topic. As writers, we will develop our descriptive and story writing skills whilst revisiting spelling, grammar and punctuation skills from the previous year before covering this year's content.  
Maths 	In Maths, we will focus on place value which will involve reading, writing, ordering and comparing 3 and 4-digit numbers as well as problem solving. We will also develop written methods for addition and subtraction. The key instant recall facts (KIRFS) for Year 3 are to recall the 3 times tables and add and subtract multiples of 10 and 100. For Year 4 they need to recall facts for the 7 times table and recall all their number bonds to 100.
History 	This half term, we will travel back in time to find out how Britain changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. As historians, we will investigate artefacts from Stone Age settlements like Skara Brae to understand what the evidence tells us about life in Stone Age Britain. We will also have a Stone Age Workshop in school to experience prehistoric life.
Art/DT 	As artists, we will learn about Stone Age cave paintings such as the Altamira and Lascaux caves in Spain and France. We will investigate using pastels to create different shades and effects to create our own, mimicking ancient designs and techniques.
Physical Education 	Our indoor PE unit this half-term is REAL PE gymnastics. We will also complete an outdoor REAL PE unit that focuses on developing co-ordination through footwork, as well as static balances, by working in pairs and small groups to make shapes with increasing complexity. Year 4 will go swimming on a Thursday or Friday – see note overleaf.
PSHE/RE 	In PSHE, we will be learning about keeping safe and managing risk. In addition to this, we will be learning about bullying and how to recognise and prevent it. In RE, we will be thinking about who can inspire us and what it takes to be an effective leader.
MFL 	In Spanish, we will learn about formal and informal greetings and how to introduce ourselves to others. We will also be learning the names for different colours and numbers to 20.
Music 	In Music, Year 3 will follow the Charanga unit 'Playing in a band'. We will explore pulse and time signatures and discuss what stories can music tell us about the past. Children will learn the songs 'Love what we do' and 'When the saints go marching in' accompanying them with different musical instruments. Year 4 will be taught by a specialist music teacher, and they will be learning how to play steel pan drums.
Computing 	We will be learning about online safety. This will include how to keep safe online, recognise messages that are unsafe and how to protect their identity online.
Science 	As scientists, we will be learning about electricity. We will investigate circuits made of cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers to identify materials which make good electrical conductors. We will research how to reduce our carbon footprint by identifying electrical appliances which are energy efficient whilst learning about electrical safety at home.

<u>Dates for your diary!</u>  Friday 25th September 15-minutes extra play for pupils who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Bring in the completion certificate to show participation. Friday 2nd October Stone Age Workshop for Confident Chameleons & Adventurous Anacondas Friday 9th October Stone Age Workshop Persevering Pumas (no swimming) Wednesday 14th October FROGS Autumn Disco. Thursday 15th October Individual school photographs. Wednesday 21st October Parent/carer consultation evenings. Thursday 22nd October Parent/carer consultation evenings. Friday 23rd October FROGS non-uniform day for tombola prizes and bake sale. Last day of the half-term. 	<u>PE Days</u>  Y3 Confident Chameleons Wednesday Y3/4 Adventurous Anacondas Thursday Year 3: Indoors and Outdoors Year 4: Swimming and Outdoors Y4 Persevering Pumas Monday – Outdoors. Friday – Swimming. Please ensure child comes to school dressed in their PE kit, appropriate to the weather conditions. Remember to ensure these are plain green hoodies or jumpers, black jogging bottoms and white plain t-shirts that do not display any large logos or badges. Long hair needs to be tied up and ear studs removed or covered with tape. <u>Year 4 Swimming Days</u> Weekly swimming will commence week beginning the 14th September. Children will need to wear their swimming costumes under their school uniforms. Remember to bring a towel in a suitable backpack/carry bag. If required, children need to bring their own goggles. Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed before entering the pool.	<u>Homework & supporting your child at home:</u>  Homework is set on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday. In line with our homework policy, we send a maths and English activity. On a weekly basis, we will also send out a SPAG activity (spelling, punctuation or grammar) which is to be completed in their new homework book. In addition, we strongly encourage the following: • Daily practise of times tables on TT Rockstars www.ttrockstars.com Your child will be set 5 minutes weekly practise on 'Garage'. • Daily reading Please continue to regularly listen to your child read at home and ensure you add a comment to their reading record. We strongly recommend 3 times a week as a minimum. • Weekly KIRF Target practise
<u>Celebration Assemblies</u> These will continue to take place fortnightly on a Friday at 9am in person in the school hall. As usual, you will receive a text on the Wednesday if your child is going to be presented with an award on the Friday of that week.	<u>Rules and Routine Reminders</u> Children need to bring their book bags, planners, a water bottle, lunch box and snack into school with them every day. All Year 3 and 4 children will enter and exit through the KS2 playground door. You have 5 minutes to drop off in a morning (between 8:40 and 8:45am). Pick up for children is at 3:15pm.	Year 3: 1) Recall multiplication and division facts for the x3 times table. 2) Add and subtract multiples of 10 and 100. Year 4: 1) Recall multiplication and division facts for the 7 times table. 2) Quickly recall all number bonds to 100. Note: There is no homework for the first week back. Homework will be assigned on 11.09.26