

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 (week 3)
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English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i>	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 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 book reviews. They will be discussing the features of each and having a go at writing their own.	
Maths <i>Maths homework is set every Thursday and should be returned to school every Tuesday.</i>	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.	
Science	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.	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!
Geography	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 different British islands and identifying some of the physical and human features of the UK. Finally, we will be carrying out some field work to identify and compare the features of villages, towns and cities.	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.
History	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 the types of houses, how people farmed the land and beliefs. We will also be exploring the similarities and differences between the different time periods.	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.
Art	In art this term, children will be looking at Stone Age 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 different media.	
DT	Pupils will be researching traditional stone age meals using ICT. They will plan and prepare a stone age stew using onions that were grown during term three. The children will also understand the importance of being safe and hygienic in the kitchen.	
Computing	Children will be putting their word processing skills to the test. They will learn how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. Children will learn to use effective passwords and take screenshots. Learning how to align text, including bullet points and using other keyboard shortcuts will ensure they are ready for new challenges.	
PE	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.	
Music	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.	
RE	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.S.H.E	Pupils will be discussing ideas and opinions about friendships. They will talk about what to do if they fall out with friends, how to deal with friendship groups and how to deal with minor issues and more severe issues. Will we also be recapping on anti-bullying.	

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

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
*Horrible Histories (Stone age, Bronze age, Iron age/Celts) *Stig of the Dump *Stone Age Boy *Ug *Non-fiction texts	*Stonehenge *Dover Museum- Bronze Age boat *Farms	*Cook a stew *Make a model of a Bronze Age house *Practise your sketching skills