

Curriculum Overview

What was life like in Britain during the Stone Age?

Children are introduced to the idea that people have been living in Britain for a long time. They learn what life was like in Britain when the first people lived here, about their houses, art, religion and culture. Children will engage in historical enquiries , using archaeological evidence which will enable them to reason about the past.

Year 3 – Autumn 1



Significant Places

Cheddar Gorge, Somerset



Skara Brae, Orkney Islands



Starr Carr, Yorkshire



Stone Henge, Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire

Key Concepts

The following are the key concepts for this unit:

society, settlement, tribe, migration, technology, religion

English Texts

This term in English we will be studying the following texts:

Ocean Meets Sky - The Fan Brothers



The First Drawing - Mordecai Gerstein

Main enquiry questions

What was life like in the early Stone Age?

Is it true to say that Stone Age man was just a simple hunter gatherer, only interested in food and shelter?

How much did life change when people learned how to farm? Can we compare the life of a hunter gatherer with that of a farmer?

What can we learn from life in the Stone Age from a study of Skara Brae?

Why was Stonehenge built?

Maths learning

This term in maths we will be studying:

Numbers and Place Value for numbers to 1000

Addition and Subtraction

Key Instant Recall Facts

Multiplication and division facts for the 5- and

10-times tables.

Geographical	Science	Art	PE	Music	RE	Computing	French	PSHE
Where did they migrate to and from? Maps of the UK — then and now. How did they use the land — physical and human, How did they travel — physical geography		Gestural drawing with charcoal	Netball	Let Your Spirit Fly	What is it like for someone to follow God?	Computer systems and networks	Phonetics I am learning French	Family and Relationships

Our Curriculum Elements for this half term.



Trips, activities and or visits this term:

Dancing through Charcoal

Exploring Stone Age life and tools

Visit to Kents Cavern – 5th November



Hook		Looking at artefacts from the Stone Age
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Fieldwork and living history.		Looking at stone age tools. Virtual tour of Stonehenge.
Written outcome		Extended fantasy narrative Historical narrative
Creative Outcome		Create Hexagon artwork for the Sidmouth Science festival Cave painting experience Creating art using charcoal and chalk
Adventure (Activities in Adventure Island)		Natural painting Make charcoal Make a wormery Cook apples and make apple juice
Play Project		Pretend to be someone from the Stone Age and create and build something.
Celebration		Presentation of dancing through charcoal
Retrieval Practice	S	What is a hunter gatherer? What is the difference between a hunter gatherer and a farmer? What is Skara Brae? What is so special about Cheddar Gorge? What is Stonehenge and why was it built?



Learning & growing together, taking every opportunity.

RESPECT - ADVENTURE - ACHIEVE

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Spellings for the half term will follow in a seperate email

Suggested Texts to read at home with your children:

Live Like a Hunter Gatherer

Live Like a Hunter Gatherer is an informative and immersive guide to the Stone Age, written by a reallife hunter gatherer! Dotted through the book are stepby-step craft activities and recipes that give you firsthand experience of some vital Stone Age skills making a Mesolithic shelter, fat lamps, a digging stick, creating cave art, making a bow and arrow and a fishing hook are just a few.



Stone Age Boy

Travel 20,000 years into the past and discover what life as a caveman was like in this prehistoric picture book by a prodigiously talented artist.. One day a little boy is walking along when he trips, stumbles and falls ... into the Stone Age! He meets a girl his own age and her tribe and learns all about their way of life. He watches them make tools, clothes and weapons. He sees how they hunt, fish, cook, celebrate - and even how they paint on the walls of caves. But when a furious cave bear attacks, he wakes up back in his own time where everyone tells him it was only a dream. But was it?