



Hello,

I hope that you all have had a lovely half-term break, the children have shared some wonderful stories about their holidays. We have an exciting journey ahead, exploring stone age and preparing for the festive season, which will include practicing and rehearsing for our Christmas performance. I really hope that your child is as excited as I am for our upcoming term.

**Forest School** sessions will now take place this half term, starting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November and will run every Monday for five weeks. Please refer to Mr Bamford's letter for guidance on suitable clothing and footwear to ensure your child stays comfortable during these outdoor sessions, especially in winter.


**Our PE days** remain on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This term, we will be focusing on Games and Gymnastics. As Games sessions are led by Derby County and may take place outside, please make sure your child has weather-appropriate clothing for these lessons (**Wednesdays**).

**New spellings** will continue to be set each Friday, with a spelling test that takes place the following Friday of each week. Please support your child in completing the Look, Cover, Write, Check activity alongside Twinkl Spelling. If your child prefers another method for practicing their spellings, I am happy for them to use any additional method that supports their learning.

Finally, please find our new homework menu which is attached and ties in with our Stone Age topic for this half-term. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have in the upcoming weeks. You can catch me at the end of the day, or if it is more convenient, please contact me via email through the school office.

Kind regards,

Miss King

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Science</u></b></p> <p>This half term, our science topic is '<b>Rocks</b>'. The children will investigate the three main types of rocks: <b>igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic</b> and learn how each is formed. They will explore the properties of rocks, such as hardness and permeability, through hands-on experiments. We will also look at how rocks break down to form soils and why different soils are important for plants. Finally, we will discover how fossils are formed and what they tell us about life millions of years ago.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>French</u></b></p> <p>We will continue building our knowledge of <b>essential French vocabulary</b>. This includes greetings, numbers, colours, and classroom phrases. Children will practise speaking and listening through songs, games, and short conversations, helping them develop confidence in using French in everyday situations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>History</u></b></p> <p>Our history topic focuses on <b>life in the Stone Age</b>. We will learn how early humans survived, what tools they used, and how they hunted and gathered food. Children will compare life in the Stone Age to life today, exploring changes in homes, clothing, and technology. We will also look at cave paintings and what they reveal about early human culture.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>English</u></b></p> <p>Our core text this half term is 'Stone Age', and we will also be reading 'Stone Age Boy'. Using these texts, the children will work towards writing an engaging first-person narrative. They will explore how to write from a character's perspective, using descriptive language to show thoughts, feelings, and actions. We will focus on creating vivid settings and using powerful verbs and adjectives to bring the Stone Age world to life. Alongside this, we will practise organising our ideas into clear paragraphs and using a range of sentence structures to make their writing exciting and varied.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Year 3</u></b> <b><u>Autumn 2</u></b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Maths</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Addition and Subtraction</u></b></p> <p>Throughout this half term the children will continue this topic. The main objectives for this half term will be adding 2-digit numbers to 3-digit numbers using both manipulative methods and written methods.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Multiplication and Division</u></b></p> <p>Once we have concluded the previous topic, we will begin to explore multiplication and division. We will begin this by solving a range of simple questions using manipulatives and pictorial methods. We will work towards using written methods to help us answer increasingly harder questions.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Art and Design</u></b></p> <p>In art, we will create <b>Stone Age-inspired cave paintings</b> using natural materials and earthy tones. Children will experiment with texture and layering to replicate the style of prehistoric art.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PE</u></b></p> <p>Gymnastics: The children will work towards completing a sequence which incorporates both symmetrical and asymmetrical balances. They will explore ways in which they can travel from apparatus to produce a sequence which flows.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Games: Football</u></b></p> <p>The children will explore a range of passing and dribbling techniques to create space whilst keeping possession. They will be developing these skills and apply these into mini games.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Music</u></b></p> <p>Our music this half term will focus on exploring rhythmic patterns.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>RE</u></b></p> <p>Our key question is: '<b>What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?</b>' Children will learn about Hindu beliefs, festivals, and traditions, and explore how these are celebrated in modern British society.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PSHE</u></b></p> <p>Our topic is '<b>Manners and Respect</b>'. Through role play, discussions, and real-life scenarios, children will learn why respect and good manners are important in school and the wider community. They will practise strategies for showing kindness and consideration to others.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Computing</u></b></p> <p>This half term we will learning how to touch type and send emails. We will begin by exploring the home row keys. We will work towards typing a small paragraph accurately before exploring how to send an email.</p>