

Year 3

Autumn Term Topic

Scavengers and Settlers

During Autumn term, Year 3's topic is "Scavengers and Settlers" where we will be finding out about the Stone Age. The children will start the topic by working outside on an archaeological dig to find a variety of stones, fossils, pottery and tools. We will look at these closer when we come back into class which links in nicely with our science topic – rocks.

The children will then move onto the subject of history. Through research and practical activities, we will be exploring how different people's lives used to be and compare them to our own. We will be looking closely at the houses they lived in, what food they ate, and thinking about how they spent their days. Initially the children will research life in the Stone Age, after learning about what life was like the children will make comparisons with lives today – we are sure they will be very surprised at the differences. To demonstrate their learning the children will be writing a diary account from the point of view of a child in the Stone Age.



The children's learning will then move onto Art, within this subject the children will be creating amazing cave paintings, making Stone Age jewellery and pots and further more they will be creating an image to represent the Stone Age and will be expected to explain their vision.



The next subject that the children will explore is geography, the children will be examining the location of Skara Brea and they will be looking closely at the pros and cons for its location. This will lead to the children looking more generally at hillforts and developing their understanding of why were they built in certain locations. The children will be required to use geographical sources such as aerial photographs for this work.



Finally the children will be designing, building and evaluating hillforts of their own in design technology. The children will make realistic plans, select their own materials, carefully construct and then evaluate the success of their creations.

To complete this topic parents will be invited in to watch presentations that the children have created in their computing lessons which will reflect their learning from throughout the topic.