

LUNA CLASS

Years 4 & 5

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for the exciting new term ahead! In Luna Class, we are launching into learning with our first topic: The Stone Age.

This half term, we will learn about prehistoric Britain and how people lived during the three key stages of the Stone Age: Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. Children will explore how communities survived, how farming and tools developed, and what life was like in famous prehistoric sites such as Skara Brae.

We will link the topic across the curriculum, tailoring our learning to the Pre-Key Stage Standards in the National Curriculum in order to develop and secure fundamental skills.

ENGLISH - READING, WRITING & SPEAKING

Our main class text this term is *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura - a magical time-travel adventure linking modern life with the Stone Age.

We will: retell stories using key events and illustrations, explore time connectives and sequencing, describe characters, settings, and events, learn how to write a letter and build up to writing our own adventure stories.

Key vocabulary:

Stone Age, Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Mammoth, Preserve, Archaeologist, Skara Brae, Settlement, Excavate, Foraging

MATHS - NUMBERS, PLACE VALUE & BEYOND

This term in Maths, we will focus on: securing knowledge of place value, different methods of addition and subtraction, exploring multiplication and division, exploring measurement (length, perimeter and area).

WORLD LEARNING - STONE AGE TO IRON AGE

We will explore: daily life activities (hunting, gathering, farming, tool-making), homes from caves to roundhouses, how farming and metalwork transformed communities, the archaeological site of Skara Brae.

Oracy Focus

Every day, we will practise:

Listening carefully to adults and peers
Speaking in full sentences with topic vocabulary
Asking and answering questions
Retelling events in order

At Home You Can:

Ask your child to explain something they've learned using "First, next, then..."
Encourage them to build on their sentences using 'because', 'but', 'and'
Encourage them to write or draw their own "adventure into the past"
Count everyday objects and practise quick mental addition
Spot numbers on clocks, doors and in shops

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How You Can Support at Home

- ✓ Read with your child every day even 10 minutes makes a difference
- ✓ Practise counting and spotting numbers in daily life
- ✓ Talk about their day and your day
- ✓ Encourage your child to speak in full sentences
- ✓ Keep school routines consistent, good sleep, breakfast, and calm mornings

SCIENCE - SOUND

We will explore: how sounds are made, how they travel through a medium to the ear, patterns and connections between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.

PSHE - BEING ME IN MY WORLD.

We will explore: the roles of being citizens in society and being positive and productive members of our school community.

RE - HINDUISM

We will be learning about how gods are important and the guidance Hindus follow to live a good life.

COMPUTING - WHAT IS THE INTERNET?

From that we will be focusing on digital citizenship and E-safety and the importance of keeping passwords and personal details safe and private.

MUSIC - BY MUSIC MASTERS

The specialists will deliver sessions adapted to our needs and to help us develop new skills.

PE - TUESDAY & FRIDAY

We will explore different sports and games to develop skills as co-ordination, spatial awareness and teamwork.

At Home You Can:

Make a Stone Age necklace
Build a biscuit Stonehenge
Research prehistoric musical instruments
Weigh different rocks or fossils
Make a visitor's guide to Stonehenge