



Curriculum Newsletter

Jade / Turquoise Class

Autumn 1

'Stone Age'



Welcome Back! And welcome to year 4! Our topic this term is 'Stone Age'. We will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children will be learning all about prehistory in Britain and the three different sections that the Stone Age is broken into (Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic). We will explore how civilisation survived during these periods and how the agriculture and farming tools developed throughout. We will also be learning about the prehistoric settlement, Skara Brae and prepared for lots of art work!

Goldilocks words:

The Goldilocks words are the key vocabulary the children will learn, understand and be able to use by the end of the topic. They are called Goldilocks words as they are not too easy, not too hard, but just right!

Paleolithic	Mesolithic
Neolithic	Mammoth
Preserve	Archeologist
Skara Brae	settlement
Excavate	foraging

Ideas for home learning:

- Make a stone age necklace
- Research prehistoric musical instruments
- Build a biscuit Stone Henge
- Weigh different rocks or fossils and record in a graph
- Make a visitor's guide to Stonehenge
- Find out about how fossils are formed
- Find out where the best places to build Iron Age settlements were and why

Key messages:

Jade PE—Tuesday (Swimming Lesson) and Friday

Turquoise PE— Wednesday and Friday

Please remember that children are to come to school in appropriate PE kit on those days. This should be White T-Shirt and black shorts or tracksuit trousers and black trainers or plimsolls. Bags should be in school every day please. You should aim to read with and sign your child's reading record every night. Homework will be issued on a Friday via google classroom and is to be handed in by Wednesday.

In **Maths** we will be:

- Recognising the place value of each digit in a four-digit number.
- Counting up and using number to subtract two digit numbers from 100
- Choose counting on or back to subtract two digit numbers from numbers > 100
- Adding two 3—digit numbers using compact written methods
- Doubling and halving two— three digit numbers
- Learning and practising our 9 times tables
- Multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers using an appropriate method

In **Topic** we will be:

- Learning about the main periods of the Stone Age
- Using maps to locate and compare position and geographical features
- Creating cave artwork
- Exploring how hunter-gatherers survived in the Stone Age
- What life was like in an Iron Age hillfort

In **RE** we will be:

- Understanding the importance of Abraham
- Learning about the synagogue
- Learning about the Jewish beliefs and festivals
- Reading the Torah

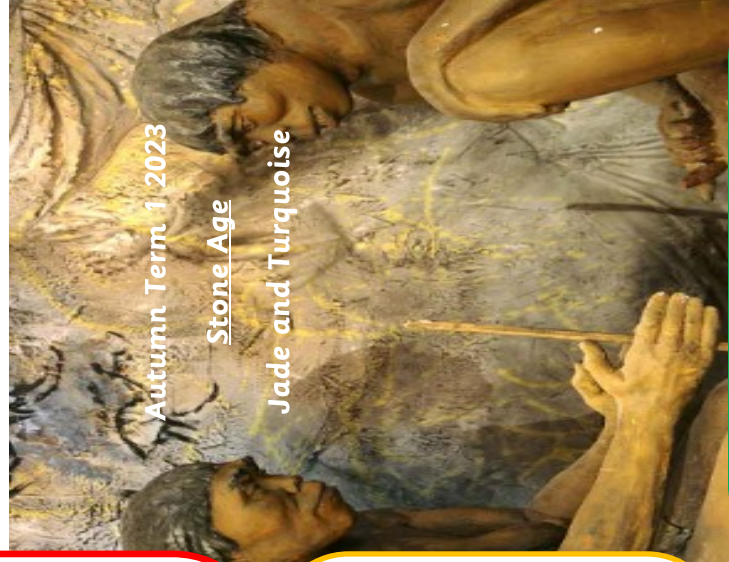
In **Computing** we will be:

- Developing and consolidating our Google classroom skills
- Reminding ourselves about how to stay safe online (E-Safety training).

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In **English** we will be:

- Reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.
- Learning about the use of adjectives, adverbs and similes.
- Learning to understand a characters thoughts and feelings in a story through drama
- Writing in a range of different styles including; diary entries, letters, TV News reports and narratives.

In **Science** we will be:

- Learning about the different properties of solids liquids and gases.
- Exploring how matter changes from one state to another
- Understanding how to carry out a scientific investigation .

In **Music**, with the Lambeth Music Service we will be:

- Focusing on musicianship while exploring melodies through rhythms.

In **PE** we will be:

- Learning the basic skills of Hockey passing, moving, dodging and travelling
- Focusing on sportsmanship and skills