

## Year 3- Autumn Term- We are prehistoric explorers

Welcome to the first term of year 3. We have an exciting term of Dinosaurs and the Stone Age to the Iron Age to explore. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in the term.

### DT

In the Dinosaur element of the term the children will design and make their own Dinosaur trap. This will involve using a lever. They will write instructions for how to build their trap in English. During the Stone Age element of the term the children will have the chance to design and make their own percussion instruments using materials found in those times. They will also have the opportunity to build their own Stone Age shelter. Any junk modelling materials will be greatly appreciated.

### Art

The children will be using different artistic mediums to create a variety of Dinosaur themed pieces, including making their own clay Dinosaur footprints. They will also look at prehistoric cave painting and look at the effect warm and cool colours can have in a painting. They will also have a chance to create their own piece of Stone Age jewellery

### ICT

The children will be completing 2 units of work during the term. 'We are programmers' will see the children build their own animation showing the interaction between 2 dinosaurs. 'We are presenters' will see the children become new presenters discovering a never before seen Stone Age artefact.

### Science

During the term the children will be looking at rocks, soils and fossils and humans and animals (with a particular focus on bones and skeletons)

### Maths

These are the following focus areas

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

Homelearning will be based around one of the above listed areas.

### English

We will be covering the following genres

- Diary writing
- Instructions
- Story writing
- Information text
- Letter writing

These will all have a dinosaur/ stone age link



### RE

We will begin RE by exploring the Christian belief about God and his relationship to who Jesus is. We will then look at Christian festivals including Harvest Festival and Christmas.

### French

Over the term we will learn basic greetings, how to say our name and age, numbers 1-30, body parts and some basic animals.

### Topic

In the first half of the term, the children will be looking at the geography of the world and identifying which Dinosaurs lived in which continent before focussing on Dinosaurs found in Europe and Cornwall. The children will also be ordering major historical events and looking at chronological order. We will also be looking at the features of different dinosaurs and why these changes were important. In the second half of the term the children will be learning about the major changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They will be considering how we know about a historical period without written sources. There will be a particular focus on local geography looking at 2 historical sites, Chysauster and Skara Brae. We are planning a trip to Bodrifty, a local roundhouse, where we will have a guided tour around the grounds and the children will have a chance to ask questions about the house and the Iron Age. There will be more information, including dates, to follow.

### Music

The children will learn a song based around bones and muscles and as the term progresses they will begin to sing this in 2 parts and in a round. They will also be adapting pop songs to link to the prehistoric. Linking to a DT project, the children will use their home made percussion instruments to create their own stone age rap.

### PE

The children will take part in swimming lessons for the Autumn Term. These will take place every Friday morning and they will need a fully named swimming kit, including a hat. There will be more information to come on an additional letter. PE lessons will take place every Monday afternoon. Again the children will need a fully named kit in school every day due to other events in the school calendar. The PE focus this term is building on balance and coordination skills.