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Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term the year 3 classes started a new theme called 'Settlements'. In this theme, we will focus on history, geography, art and DT.

In English, we will be reading and writing portal stories; we will be reading The Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. We will use drama to help understand characters and settings. Children will then write their own portal stories.

In history, we will develop a chronological knowledge and understanding of British history through learning about the changes which happened in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age including Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers. We will learn historical skills such as looking at contrast and trends over time, understanding historical terms, asking valid questions and analysing historical sources among others. We will explore historical enquiry through the use of historical artefacts.

In geography, we will identify human, physical characteristics and land-use patterns. We will also be doing some geographical field work using atlases, maps and the eight points of a compass. The children will learn about settlements and their features.

In oracy, we will learn to listen and respond appropriately to others. We will use specific sentence openers to debate and discuss various matters linking to our history topic as well as others.

In DT, they will research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose. They will learn some technical skills such as strengthening textiles while making a prototype of a roundhouse.

In art, children will use their sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas. They will be using their sketching skills to create cave paintings using charcoal.

As part of our activity passport experiences, the children will make something out of wood and learn to weave. They will use the Now Press Play resources to learn about the Stone Age. We will also be working in the edible garden.



In PHSE, we will be exploring the topic of rights and responsibilities.

In R.E, we will be learning what Christians believe about a good life.

The children will learn the key skills of flexibility, strength, control and technique while learning to play striking games as well as outdoor adventure challenges in P.E.

In computing, we will learn about online bullying and managing reputation. We also be using the computer to make graphs.

We will use the Charanga website for our music lessons. Continuing with our recorder lessons, we will revisit some of the songs previously explored as our base to learn about pitch, tempo and tone.

Finally, in French, they will practise their vocabulary in words and phrases related to names of fruit, food items, days and months. They will be using resources from 'La Jolie Ronde'.

Helping at home:

As well as ensuring your child completes their weekly homework, you could:

- Research early settlements in Britain at your local library.
- Read the poem I was born in the Stone Age by Michael Rosen online.
- Research Stone Age online.
- Access TT Rock Stars and Purple Mash at home.
- Use oracy skills to talk to your child about how the past has helped us build the present and the future.
- Visit a museum which exhibits British artefacts.

Websites:

<https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/topics/lower-key-stage-2-topics/stone-age-iron-age-britain/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfg9bqt>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/stone-age-to-iron-age/>

