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Dear Parents,

I hope you've had a good holiday and the weather hasn't thwarted too many plans. This term we have the task of covering 70,000 years of history, as we travel back to Palaeolithic times and explore the journey of humans from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age. The children will learn about the lives of early people: the skills they perfected, the challenges they faced and the animals that roamed with them before discovering the move to the use of metal and other new ways of living in Bronze Age cultures.

We have two great stories to accompany our work - 'The Stone Age Boy' and the classic 'Stig of the Dump'. The children will be working on writing to entertain with stories and descriptions of Stone Age life, kenning poetry and diary entries. Towards the end of the term the children will be reporting on the now extinct beasts that roamed the earth in our early history.

In Science, we cover rocks and fossils, while in art we will be creating cave paintings and clay pottery based on that found at Skara Brae in Scotland. In DT we will be designing and constructing a Stone Age to Bronze Age Village.

Forest school will allow for the children to hone their hunter gatherer skills: starting fire with flint, learning about the different trees and their uses, flint knapping and creating camps. This will continue on Thursday afternoons.

PE will be on Monday and Friday, when we will be taking advantage of the good weather we are due and playing tennis and rounders.

We also have an exciting start to the topic with a drama company coming in to bring the topic to life with a 'Savage Stone Age' day. One Day Creative will be leading the children in a fun and engaging workshop which will result in a short performance at the end of the day showing off all they have learnt. They are due to be into school on Wednesday, April 25th and you are welcome to join us for a final performance from 2:30pm. There is a cost for the day, which has been considerably subsidised by the PTFA, who have reduced it from £11 to £6.30. This can be paid on ParentPay. We are looking forward to an exciting day!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions about the term's curriculum.

Best wishes,

Mr Chandler



Rolling Stone Age Year 3 Topic Table

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone Age Reading area shelter Cave Paintings Literacy learning line 	Educational Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Day Creative – Savage Stone Age Hunter Gatherer Morning on the Hithercroft
Wow Factor Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Savage Stone Age day Archaeological dig using artefacts Giant cave paintings for the classroom 	Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone Age Boy Stig of the Dump Walking with Beasts books and animal guides
Outcomes /Open Day Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone Age exhibition Cave Painting Classroom Display Stonehenge Tourist Guide Prehistoric animals non-chronological reports 	Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prodigy trockstars.com, Guided reading activities Stone Age artefact model with information
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prehistoric Beasts Non-Chronological report Writing to Entertain – Stone Age adventure Stone Age report 	RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not this term
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measurement Shape Data handling 	Art / DT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cave Paintings Stone Age Artefacts exhibition Skara Brae Pottery
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rocks 	Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of Rock Music
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone Age Tourist Guide 	PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rounders Tennis
		Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making Stone Age Tools Flint knapping Shelter building and foraging
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone Age to Iron Age Chronology of Prehistoric Cultures Comparisons in cultures 	French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greetings Animals