

Dear Parents/Carers

This term we will be exploring the Stone Age and its relation to history and English. Our topic this term is called 'Cave Dwellers'.



The homework for this term will be in the format of a bingo card so that the children can choose their weekly task. Children should be reading at least 3 times a week at home and this is to be recorded in their reading record. It is important that the children begin to start practising their times tables on TT Rockstars. We are very excited for this year and look forward to welcoming the children into Year 3.

Subject	Learning areas	Ideas to support at home
English	In English this term, we will be focusing on narrative texts based on books such as 'Stone age boy.' We will also explore poetry and non-chronological reports.	It is important that children are reading and practising spellings at home. To link to the topic, they could also think about questions that they could ask people living in the Stone Age times or questions they may be asked if they were one. Useful websites: https://play.edshed.com/login www.topmarks.co.uk www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS2)
Maths	In maths, we are going to cover a range of topics. This includes: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.	The children should regularly be practising their mathematical skills and concepts. They should also be practising their times tables facts to secure fluency in these. Useful websites: www.topmarks.co.uk https://play.ttrockstars.com/ www.mymaths.co.uk
Science	In science, we will firstly be looking at different types of rocks and fossils. We will then move onto looking at light and shadows.	The children would benefit from looking at different types of rocks in nature, especially around the coast. They can also be looking at different primary and secondary light sources within their immediate environment.

		Useful websites: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3nnb9q/articles/z9wm7yc
Geography	In Geography, we will be looking at settlements and why Colchester is now a city.	The children would benefit from practising their north, east, south, west positions on a compass. They would also benefit from looking at maps, thinking about their purpose. Useful websites: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS2) www.theschoolrun.com
History	In history, we will be looking at the Stone Age. We will be assessing the changes in Britain from the stone age to the Iron Age and looking at what life was like during this time.	The children would benefit from discussing the key time of the stone age. Encouraging them to think critically and ask questions will develop their historical skills. Useful websites: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk/articles/zfg9bqt
PE	The first half term will focus on netball and gymnastics. In the second half term, we will then move into a dance unit and football.	Participation in sports clubs, both inside and outside of school would benefit the children. Physical exercise is important for well-being and so encouraging the children to be exercising is important. Useful videos: Cosmic Kids Yoga Joe Wicks Kids Workout
Computing	We will begin our term by looking at e-safety and 'my online life' unit. The second half term, we will be looking at computing systems and networks through connecting computers.	Talking to your children about E-safety is very important, especially in the modern world. Supervised use of computers would be beneficial to ensure they become confident with using technology. Useful websites: www.saferinternet.org.uk www.hourofcode.com

		www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS2)
Art and DT	For art/DT we will begin by completing some cave drawings. We will also be looking at complementary colours and develop skills of colour mixing.	Expose children to as much art and creativity as possible. Allow them to watch videos and view artwork. Having a go at home will be very beneficial to their confidence and skills. Useful websites: https://firstsite.uk/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clipsvideo/art-and-design-ks2--ks3-schoolsart-and-design/zmd4mfr
PSHE	We will be completing the first jigsaw piece of our Jigsaw PSHE scheme.	You could make a poster or presentation around your family.
Music	Music lessons will be with Mrs Minshull throughout this term.	You could write down your top 5 favourite songs and the reasons why they are your favourite. Remember to think about the tempo, rhythm, pulse and the instruments.
RE	In RE, we will be creating an eBook of information on the Hindu, Jewish, Sikh and Christian faiths. We will then look at the trinity in Christianity and make non-fiction reports around this.	The BBC bitesize website has lots of key facts and videos to research. Useful websites: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j

We are very excited for September and cannot wait to see the amazing work that the children create!

Best wishes,
Miss Goldsmith, Mrs Drewry and Mrs London