

# Stone Age - Iron Age

YEAR 6 2023

## AUTUMN TERM 1

Welcome back! We are so excited to see you all again as the team have been busy planning some thrilling lessons. We start by exploring pre-history in Year 6 and will try to immerse the children in Stone Age-Iron Age times. On our 'wow day' next **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** the children will handle some prehistoric artefacts and place them on a timeline; they will be shown what they ate thousands of years ago and will have the chance to cook on an open fire. Our science topic of Evolution will also be launched with an exciting experiment using different beaks to show how birds have adapted and evolved. As communicated previously, we strongly encourage the children to come dressed as someone from pre-history.

### The Year 6 Team

#### **Teaching team**

Mrs S Lee (Team leader) 6A

Mrs L Irwin 6B

Mrs M Swain 6C

Mrs L Browning (maths)

#### **Support team**

Mrs D Savage

Mrs K Sweeney

Mrs A Hall (1:1)

Ms L Owen (1:1)

Miss B Brumpton (1:1)

## ENGLISH

We will be continuing Talk4Reading lessons again this year and your child will be used to this fun way of learning from Year 5. This is how we will begin most of our days. Our first class story is beautiful, but you'll have to wait to find out what it is - it's a surprise! Because reading is so important, we hope the children can continue to read their Renaissance books at home. It really is the single best thing you can do to support your child's learning.

We are starting Talk4Writing lessons next week and our first focus will get you hooked. We'll begin by exploring chase sequences in stories to create suspense using lots of drama and role-play to understand the genre. We can't wait to see what scary creations the children come up with!

## MATHS

During maths, each class will focus on a wide range of key skills. We'll build on knowledge of place value, and revise both mental and written methods for the four operations using Singapore methods. You are expected to know all of your times tables by now, so we will be doing lots of Times Table Rockstars.

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Science	Evolution and inheritance. Study of Charles Darwin linked to biography writing.
History	Stone Age – Iron Age (pre-history)
Computing	Setting up iPads in class. Purple Mash: Internet safety.
PE	Yoga and wellbeing. Tennis/Handball/Basketball (on rotation with the three classes for the next three terms)
RE	Christianity, Hindu and Islam – Stories and Beliefs.
PSHE	Mental health and how to deal with sad things.
Music	History of musical theatre. Glockenspiels.
French	Linked to class
Art	Mosaics

## Website

There will be updates on our school website on the Year 6 class pages.

Make sure you visit:

<https://www.williamalvey.net/>

year-6/ to see our learning in action.

## Homework

Both English and maths homework will be handed out on a **Friday** and is **due in on Thursday**. Both must be presented to the highest of standards. Children are also expected to

complete 10 garage games on Times Table Rockstars every week. Spellings will be sent out and tested every **Friday**.

## Growth Mindset

We are adopting a 'growth mindset' in Year 6 to overcome challenges and accelerate learning. We believe that with hard work, you can achieve anything! We looked at the power of the brain on the move-up day and we will begin looking at the magic of mistakes. If you would like to see some of the material we will be sharing with the children, please visit: <https://ideas.classdojo.com/b/growth-mindset>



## Year 6 Key Dates

Back to school: 6<sup>th</sup> Sept

Flag Fen trip: 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

Hilltop 1<sup>st</sup> deposit due (£66): 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

Hilltop 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit due (£66): 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Full Hilltop payment: 28<sup>th</sup> March

SATs: 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May

Hilltop residential: 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May




We really look forward to getting to know you all.

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## Topic and life-skills optional homework

As mentioned above, our topic this term (and next) focuses on pre-history.

Below are some ideas that children could explore to support their learning. This is optional and children can complete as much or as little as they would like.

<p><b>Be a historian</b></p> <p>Go for a walk along the river Slea and try to find features, plants, trees or tools that may have been useful. Try collecting some items and present what you have found in a creative way.</p>		<p><b>Become a builder!</b></p> <p>Using a variety of materials, create a small model of a Stone Age dwelling or monument such as Stonehenge. Post your pictures on Seesaw or bring your model in to display in class!</p>	
<p><b>Create a song</b></p> <p>Write a song about pre-history or an aspect of it. It could be about the settlements, people, tools, weapons or foods. Can you record it for Seesaw?</p>		<p><b>Who will be the next Masterchef?</b></p> <p>Create a Stone Age recipe thinking of ingredients that would have been available at that time. Create a video/recipe page for your meal.</p>	
<p><b>Become an author</b></p> <p>Write a story set in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age. You could type it up or create your own book.</p>		<p><b>Become an explorer</b></p> <p>Learn about pre-history in other continents or countries. How is it different to ours? What are you interested to find out? Can you present your learning in an imaginative way?</p>	
<p><b>Become a Stone Age artist!</b></p> <p>Use natural material to create a picture of the Stone Age. Create types of paint by crushing berries, grass, leaves and other natural materials to make a picture. Just remember to wash your hands!</p>		<p><b>Become a scientist</b></p> <p>Research how the way we have exercised has changed throughout history. How can we help our circulation system today? What would make us healthier?</p>	

We would also like to hear about any visits or experiences the children have participated in. This can be presented or shared in anyway. Any homework maybe shared on Seesaw throughout the term by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**.