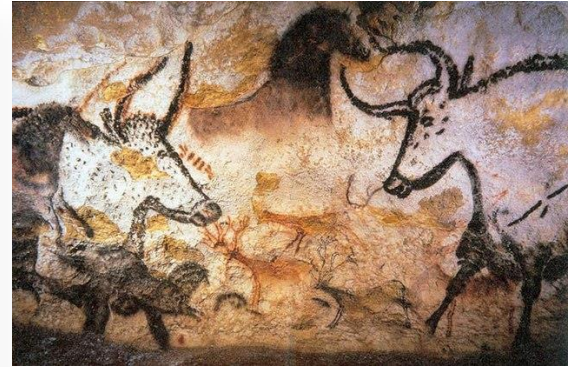




Humans are special. Unlike other animals, we can adapt and learn new skills in order to survive, which is exactly what our ancestors did in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages.

Our earliest known human ancestors were alive around four million years ago. Throughout this term, the children will be focusing on human life from the Stone to the Iron Age.



We have had a fantastic start to the year and the children have been positive and enthusiastic about their new topic. In our Entry point, we will be learning some of the skills that our ancestors relied upon, such as, water filtering, making shelters, lighting fires and scavenging for materials.

Diary Dates

September

Friday 8th - Entry point day

Friday 15th, 22nd, 29th - PD class swimming

October

Monday 9th - Year 3 Avebury visit

Tuesday 10th - Year 4 Avebury visit

Wednesday 18th - Last day of term

Maths

This year we will be continuing to develop maths skills linked to the White Rose hub. For the majority of this term the children will be developing their understanding of the number system and learning the core skills associated with addition and subtraction. Both years will be practising previously learnt tables and focusing on x2 and x4 times tables to start.

English

Year 3 will begin with an author Study, based on a Roald Dahl text and will move on to letter and report writing, inspired by Stone Age Boy. Year 4 will be reading the story 'Stone Age Boy' and writing historical based stories linked to the Stone Age. They will also be creating Limerick and Kenning poems associated with the topic.

History / Geography

This topic focuses on Early Man from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will identify ways that we can find out about the past, learn about the lives of people in these times and identify similarities and differences to life in the present day. We will also find out about Stone Age tools, food, cave art and look for evidence of the Stone Age in our local area.

PSHRE

The children will be agreeing new classroom rules for the coming year. This will involve them discovering how to work cooperatively and deal with difficult situations. They will also be exploring the idea of taking responsibility for their own actions and behaviour.

RE

Year 3 will be discussing the structure of the bible and will look at the character of Noah and the stories associated with him.

Year 4 will be learning about the basic beliefs of Hindus and finding out about key events that are important to them. We will consider

how these are similar and different to our own beliefs.

PE

Year 3 and 4 will start with the fundamentals of movement and will learn how to cooperate well in a team. Year 3 will then move to Ball skills.

Class 4 PD will be swimming and Class JEs/JW will play some team games associated with rugby.

Music

The children will engage with some of the Charanga music activities. These will develop their understanding of the key musical skills such as pitch, rhythm, timbre, as well as offering them a variety of musical genre to discover.

French.

Year 4 will begin the year with a reminder of the basic greetings and learn ways to give simple information about themselves

Year 3 will build their knowledge and skills to be able to introduce themselves, say how they feel and have a wider appreciation for the countries where the French language is spoken.

We are planning to watch some video clips linked to our topic theme, some of which may be PG rated, for example Horrible Histories or BBC Walking with Cavemen DVD. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would prefer your child not to watch these clips.

SOME REMINDERS:

This term's Tic Tac Toe homework grid will be coming home soon and will also be posted on the Milepost 2 website page.

Please ensure that sunscreen, hats and water bottles are sent in with the children when the weather is warmer.

Children should continue to bring in suitable PE kit to school on their PE days.