

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to another year at St Matthew Academy! I hope you have had a lovely, relaxing Summer Holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. Please find information about our topics and class expectations below.

Curriculum

During the Autumn term, the children will be learning about The Stone Age.

Within this, we will be learning about how the Stone Age people survived, how life changed throughout the Stone Age to Iron Age period and the tools they used, the features of different settlements, a study of Stonehenge and the role of women throughout this time period.

In Science, children will be studying rocks and soils which will include, but is not limited to classifying and naming rock types, studying soils, and the features of the Earth's different layers.

Key Dates and Events

9.9.21 – Meet the Teacher

22.10.21 – Last day of half term

TBC – Visit to the British Museum

1.10.21 – Lunchtime concert at Regent Hall

TBC – Stone Age Workshop

TBC – Visit to Ladywell Fields

TBC – MacMillan Coffee Morning

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday with the expectation that it is returned on a Wednesday. Homework will include a set of weekly spellings which will be tested the following Friday, one piece of writing, one piece of reading and one piece of maths. Please try to allow your child to complete their homework as independently as possible.

Topic Homework for this half term:

For this half term, your child's topic homework is to produce a piece of Art/DT to do with the Stone Age. For example, a Stone Age house, Stone Age Jewellery, a model of Stonehenge, or anything else you can think of. It will be due by **Monday 1st November**

Contact Details

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

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Weekly Activities/Expectations

Children to arrive by 8:50am in full school uniform ready to start their learning. On **Thursdays**, children must arrive in school PE kit to be worn for the day.

All children to bring in their homework diary and reading book **each day**. Please ensure that you check their homework diary and sign every Friday.

PE will be taught on a Friday by Ms. Toprak. Children must arrive at school in their PE kit which will stay on for the day. Please ensure their PE kit is either the school kit or alternatively, a white t-shirt and black/navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Towards the end of the Autumn term, it is important that children wear warmer PE clothes for outside activities.

Year 3 are really lucky to have Ms. Barallon in the Secondary Department teaching us **Drama** on a Monday morning. The children will be looking forward to performing their work with you at the Christmas showcase!

Now that COVID-19 restrictions are lifting, the children will be able to visit the **library** weekly. Our day for visiting the library will be confirmed in the first week but please ensure children look after their library books and bring them in to school every day as part of their daily reading with either myself or Ms. Bryan-Hesse.



Humanities (History)

Stone Age to Iron Age

- What is prehistory?
- Cave art
- Exploring Stone Age sources
- Stonehenge
- Life during the Stone Age and Iron age
- Forest School – building shelters, foraging, campfires, whittling
- The role of women in the Stone Age

English

- Writing an adventure story
- Writing a non-chronological report
- Writing a recount
- Writing instructions

Stone Age
to Iron Age

Maths

- Place Value including:
 - represent numbers to 1000
 - 100s, 10s and 1s
 - Number lines to 1000
- Addition and Subtraction including:
 - Add and subtract multiples of 100
 - Add 3-digit and 1-digit numbers crossing 100
 - Spot the pattern
- Multiplication and Division including:
 - 2, 5 and 3 times table
 - Using Arrays
 - Dividing by 2, 3, 5 and 10

Humanities (Geography)

Stone Age to Iron Age

- Where was the best place to build an Iron Age settlement?
- Map UK monuments located in different counties and cities.
- What happened changed for Britain during the Bronze Age?
- Features of the different settlements

Science

Rocks and Soils

- Identifying, sorting and naming different types of rocks and soils
- Scientist Study – Mary Anning
- How fossils are formed
- What is weathering and erosion?
- Studying how soil is formed
- Describing the structure of the earth

Art/DT

- Design and build a 3D model of an iron age fort/castle.
- Stone Age Cave art
- Using different media to create artwork.

Spanish

- Greetings
- Numbers
- Colours

Computing

Basic skills when creating documents

Music

- Barber shop melodies
- Combining rhythms and layers
- Features of written music

PE

Rounders (Autumn 1)
Gymnastics (Autumn 2)