

# Parent leaflet: Autumn 1

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Our Topic: **Stones and Bones**

## What surprises you about the Stone Age?

### Our learning this half term:

- To continue to follow our progression in maths, developing calculation and reasoning skills.
- Recall multiplications in any order automatically.
- Immersing ourselves in our chosen texts
- Writing reports and diaries of events about the times studied.
- Writing persuasive letters, instructions and leaflets.
- Learning about vibrations and how sound is made.
- Learning about the scientific processes of separating, dissolving and condensing.
- Exploring and increasingly use the French language in simple conversation.
- Learning about what life might have been like in Stone, Iron and Bronze Ages.
- Exploring tints and tones when painting and drawing.
- Investigating the effects of water colour paints.

In Year Four we are lucky to learn to play a musical instrument - your child is learning the cornet or French horn. You will probably hear all about it!

### Ongoing learning:

- Individual and guided reading sessions
- Learning common word spellings
- Handwriting - letter formation / fluent cursive script.
- Multiplication; times tables learning up to 12x table
- Grammar - to develop sentence structure and increase vocabulary using fronted adverbials, subordinate clauses, and paragraphing.

### Key Dates or things to remember:

Please come to school in PE kit on Mondays. This should include black shorts, a white T shirt, trainers and tracksuit trousers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed.

#### WILD WEDNESDAYS

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October 2<sup>nd</sup>

November 27<sup>th</sup>

We have a **STONE AGE DAY** on November 6<sup>th</sup> when we are asking the children to dress as **STIG** (from Stig of the Dump).

Further information will be provided via Parent Mail.

### Useful ways to support learning at home:

**Reading Challenge:** reading for 5 minutes 5 times a week, giving your slip in each week for the draw on Friday. House Points, Raffle Tickets and Class rewards are given as rewards!

**Maths:** My Maths homework is set weekly. There are lots of maths games to play too. There is a Multiplication check for six minutes on Purple Mash each week.

**English:** spelling quizzes are on Purple Mash each week to help you learn the week's spellings.