

Autumn Term 1 2026 - Year 3 and 4 Journey Through the Ages

Overview

By the end of Autumn 1, children will know how to explain how Britain changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Books / Text Based Learning

How to Wash a Wooley Mammoth; Stone Age Boy; 24 hours in the Stone Age.
Class Reader: The girl who stole an elephant.



Autumn Term Woodpeckers and Kingfishers

Term 1: Friday 4th September 2026 to Friday, 23 October 2026

(Half term: Saturday, 24 October to Sunday, 1 November 2026)

Term 2: Monday, 2 November 2026 to Friday, 18 December 2026 (Christmas holiday: Saturday, 19 December 2026 to Monday, 3 January 2027)

English

This term, we will focus on revisiting basic punctuation and handwriting to write an instruction text on how to wash a Wooley mammoth, followed by writing a diary entry from the perspective of the Stone Age boy. In guided reading we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts focusing on fluency, comprehension and reading speed. You can support us with this by reading at home with your children. We expect them to read at least 3 times a week to support their reading in school.

Mathematics

Before half term we will be looking at place value understanding numbers up to 100 for Year 3 children and up to 1000 for Year 4 children. We will then move on to addition and subtraction. After half term we will be looking at multiplication and division and finishing the term with Area. In Year 3 children are expected to know their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables. In Year 4 children are expected to know up to their 12 times tables. You can support us with this by making sure the children are practising at home using TTRockstars. They will come home with a login.

Science

This we will be learning about rocks and soils and where they come from. We will learn about the properties of different rocks, how fossils are formed and why worms are so important!

Computing

We will be learning about algorithms and why they have to be precise.

Art

We will be learning about who Philippe Baudelocque was, and how Stone Age people made cave paintings.

History

We will be going on a journey through the ages (stone age, bronze age, and iron age), making sure that we can place each age on a chronological timeline, understand how they lived and survived and what historians can learn about life in pre-history Britain from the discovery of Skara Brae. We will be going on a school trip to Flag Fen to enhance our learning!

Personal, Social, Health Education

We will be learning about who we are and how we belong in the world. After half term we will be learning about our differences and what makes us special.

Physical Education - Invasion Games

Mr. Barron will teach PE on a Thursday at Gedney Hill and a Wednesday at Shepeau Stow.

Music:

We will be covering body percussion in Music this term and will develop understanding of vocabulary such as tempo, dynamics and structure. We will be looking closely at rhythm.

RE

We will be learning about how Hindu beliefs are expressed personally and collectively.

Technical Subject Vocabulary

Decade
Archaeologist
Painting
Carving
Pre history
BCE/AD,
Stone age
Bronze age
Iron age
Farming
Stonehenge

Languages in KS2

German will be taught by Mrs Simpson on a Thursday at Gedney Hill and Wednesday at Shepeau Stow.

Spelling Rules

Year 3: /ow/ spelt 'ou', /u/ spelt 'ou', /i/ spelt 'y', words ending /ze/ spelt '-sure', words ending /ch/ spelt 'ture'.

Year 4: Homophones, prefix 'in', prefixes 'il', 'im' and 'ir', prefix 'sub-', prefix 'inter-'.