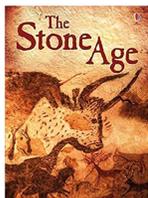


# The Pebble in my Pocket

## Spring Term 1



This topic has been primarily designed to develop the children's understanding of the rocks and fossils as well as the Stone Age's impact on Britain. The children will initially learn

about how rocks and fossils are formed and will then use this knowledge to explore the Stone Age.

### History

Throughout this topic, the children will focus on different aspects of the Stone Age and will learn about the skills that people had to acquire during the 3 different time periods of this era (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic). They will learn about making and using tools, making fires, campfire cooking and how the people from the Stone Age made their own clothes.

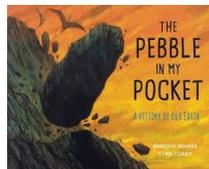
### Science

In this topic, the children will learn about rocks and fossilisation. The children will learn how rocks are formed and will group these rocks accordingly.



The children will also investigate how rocks are formed by completing a number of scientific investigations. In addition to this, they will also learn about how skeletons are preserved through the process of fossilisation and will create their own fossils.

### English



During this topic the children will be reading the story, The Pebble in my Pocket by Meredith Hooper. Through exploring this book, the children will be engaging in different writing projects including: the diary of a pebble and poetry inspired by the journey of a pebble. The children will be specifically focusing on their use of verbs and imagery in order to create detailed poems that appeal to the reader.

### Maths

This half term the children will further their understanding of multiplication and division. The children will develop their understanding of the 8 times table as well as consolidating their understanding of the 3 and 4 times tables. This half term we will also be learning how to carry out the form written methods of column multiplication and short division.

### Art and DT

In DT, the children will be creating a number of different Stone Age inspired artefacts including fossil spear heads out of clay. They will also be learning about and recreating cave paintings and will explore using different materials to create cave paintings inspired by those created during the Stone Age.



### Computing

During Computing this half term, the children will be focusing on improving their word processing skills using a range of Google Classroom tools. This will also include the use of



Google Slides to create presentations for their scientific investigations.



### PE

The children will develop their dance skills by creating a sequence of dance inspired by hunters and gatherers.

### Ways to help at home

Please continue to support your child with their weekly grammar, spellings and maths.

You can also help your child by encouraging them to read daily. Reading to an adult and discussing a book is really beneficial for your child's learning and will help increase their reading stamina.

We strongly encourage that children practise their times tables regularly at home (you can use Times Tables Rock Stars) as this impacts several areas of learning in maths. This includes the: 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

### Reminders

**PE:** Please can all children have an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school at all times. Both classes will have PE on Monday and Wednesday.

**Library day:** We will have a library slot as a class once a week. The children are able to change their library books during this session. Both classes have library time on Tuesdays.

**Snack:** Please remember to send your child with a healthy snack as these are not provided in Year 3.