



Optional Activities

to support your child's learning

Spring 2018

Rockin' and Rollin' Stone Age

We will be learning about the Stone Age village of Skara Brae. There is a lot of great information at this website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/learning/primary/skarabrae/>

Why not try making your own Stonehenge using cardboard boxes and modelling materials?

Children could use paint and a sponge to create hand stencils like the ones found in caves. They could hold their hands still in a chosen position while a partner paints round them.



Reading Ideas

Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura

Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver (recommended for more confident readers)

The Boy With The Bronze Axe by Kathleen Fidler

How To Wash A Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley

Year 3s also recommend Horrid Henry books by Francesca Simon! "They are very funny!"

Science

Rocks and Fossils

Many children love collecting rocks and fossils and finding out more about them. You could go for a walk at the beach and look for interesting stones, then try to work out what you have found using a library book or the internet.

It is also fun to use plasticine to make "fossils", by pressing a dinosaur toy into a flattened piece of plasticine and looking at the imprint! Test this out with a non-precious toy first to make sure it works well!



Maths Skills

We will be learning about measurement this half term. If you have a ruler or tape measure you could work together to measure the lengths of different objects around the house. Can you find anything that is exactly 30cm long?

We will also be learning about horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines, so you may wish to use this language if you are playing games or drawing pictures. (For example, in a game of Battleships you could talk about whether a ship is vertical or horizontal on the grid.)

Please continue learning times tables as well – these are extremely important and need lots of practice! We are giving out bronze, silver and gold stars at school when children learn each times table.

If you try out any of these activities, please let us know how it goes! You can share your learning in the reading record book, write or post photos on Class Dojo, or bring things in to show in class.