



Water Class
Autumn Term
2025/26

Stone Age to Iron Age & Changing States

Topic Overview

In the autumn term, Water Class will discover how life changed in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They will learn about how the earliest humans survived and how historians have used archaeological evidence to build a picture of the life of early man.

It's going to be a hands-on term in Science, Art, DT and Computing. Children will be investigating changing states: solids, liquids and gases. Can changing states be reversed, can they be mixed and separated again? Children will make their own cave paintings and drawstring bags; and they will learn about and experiment with graphic design and create their own logos!

Pictures to show topic



Topic Outcomes

To know the most important changes from stone age to iron age and understand how this information has been obtained. In Science, pupils will learn to identify and describe solids, liquids, and gases, and understand how materials change state through heating and cooling.

How you can help

In Nottinghamshire we are lucky to have Cresswell Craggs, where you can walk through the gorge in the footsteps of early man and still see Ice Age rock art in the caves. Well worth a visit if you can.

Please continue to read with your child and record on Boom Reader at least 4 times a week. Also, please support and encourage them to learn their times tables using TTRockStars, and practise weekly spellings on EdShed (Spelling Shed). Teachers will monitor these sites and there will be opportunities for children to access them in school if they are unable to do this at home. A list of spelling words will be sent home to help parents support their children.

Curriculum Links

Term 1:

English - 'Stone Age Boy' - diary, narrative and speech writing

Maths - Place Value, addition & subtraction

Science - Changing States (& Term 2)

History - Stone Age to Iron Age (& Term 2)

Computing - Graphic design

Art - From Banksy to Cave Art

PSHE - Me and My Relationships

RE - Hindu worship

Music - This Little Light of Mine

French - Les Trois Bouc Bourrus (The 3 Billy Goats Gruff)

PE - Wednesdays and Swimming on Thursdays for 12 weeks starting 15th September

Term 2:

English - 'Unit I Met Dudley' - explanation and persuasive texts

Maths - Multiplication & division, area

Computing - Coding

DT - Textiles

PSHE - Valuing Difference

RE - Hindu celebrations

Music - My Fantasy Football Team

French - Pocket money & Christmas in France

Useful Information

On PE days, please make sure earrings are removed or your child can remove them independently - it is no longer permissible to cover earrings. Hair should be tied up and no hoodies should be worn. PE will be outside so please ensure your child has suitable clothing.

Swimming starts for 6 weeks on Thursday 11th September. Please remember to fill in and return the earrings / goggles letters.

The 2026 Y3/4 Residential Trip meeting will be on Monday 13th October, straight after school.

There will be a Stone Age trip on Friday 3rd October. More information will follow.