

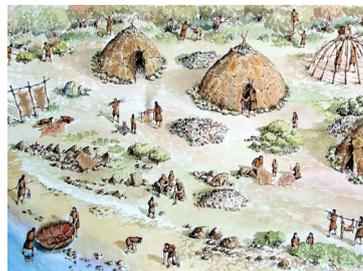
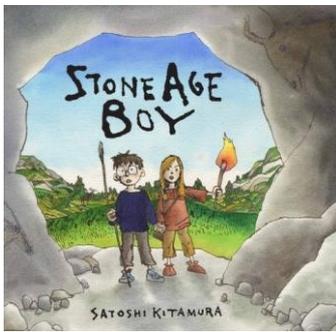
Yr3 Newsletter: Autumn

Why settle here?



Main learning:

We will be looking at the stark difference between modern day settlement and the nature of Stone Age settlement. We will be thinking about what they have today and comparing this to the essentials needed to start a basic settlement. Alongside this, we will explore the properties of rocks and their uses in Science. We will also be learning more about Hassocks and its place in the wider world as well as looking at other places people choose to settle.



Useful information / key facts:

The Stone Age was a time in history when early humans used tools and weapons made from stone. It lasted from when the first stone tools were made, by our ancestors, about 3.4 million years ago, until the introduction of metal tools a few thousand years ago. It is split into three periods: Palaeolithic (from the first use of stones until the end of the ice age); Mesolithic (from the end of the ice age until the start of farming) and Neolithic (from the start of farming until the first use of metal).

- The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age covers 98% of human history in Britain.
- Major advances in technology were achieved during this period, including the control of fire, agriculture, metalworking and the wheel.

Things that you can explore and talk about at home:

- Discuss why your family chose to settle in Hassocks
- Would you rather be a child in the Stone Age or a child today?
- Explore the local area considering what might have been here 20,000 years ago (first evidence of Hassocks settlers)
- Plan a journey together using a map
- Compare the food we eat now to what would have eaten then
- What advances in technology happened in the Stone Age that we still use today?



Vocabulary :

Hunter-gatherer	prehistoric
nomadic	archaeologist
chronological	fossils
continent	country
settlement	county

Homework:

The homework tasks will give the children an opportunity to explore some of the key learning here further. Please see homework task sheet for details. Check homework log books for expectations about which homework needs to be completed when. **MyMaths and TT Rockstars passwords will be given out in due course so please focus on spelling and reading homework until then.**

Planned trip/ visit / themed day:

We will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm in a few weeks time where the children will be able to experience life in a Stone Age settlement.