



Footprints in Time

Year 3 — Autumn 1 — 2026



What's it all about?

We will be learning about pre-history this half-term by exploring what life was like in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will look at how life changed across these time periods.



Scientists: We will be learning about the rock cycle, how fossils are formed and how important soil is.

Readers: We will start our journey with Destination Reader. The children will explore different ways of interpreting books: clarifying, questioning, inferring, summarising, making connections and evaluating.

Spellers: Our spelling patterns for this half term will include: prefixes dis-, in-, im-. Suffixes -ly, -ture, -ation

Writers: We will begin this half term with 'The First Drawing' where we will look at writing speech, writing a story opening and writing poetry. We will then move onto 'The Street Beneath my Feet' where we will learn how to write explanation texts and biographies.

Mathematicians: We will be learning about place value this half term. We study numbers to 1000, finding 100, 10 and 1 in a number, ordering and comparing numbers to 1000 and counting in 50s and 100s.

PE: In PE we are going to be developing our physical skills by undertaking a variety of activities that help us with our coordination.

Artists We will be exploring cave paintings, making our own natural paints and exploring techniques using charcoal and chalk.

Musicians: We will be learning a class song and learning about the pentatonic scale.

RE: The topic we will be exploring is 'How did Jesus change lives?'

Life Skills: In Life Skills this half-term, we will be learning about relationships in our lives.

French: We will learn basic French greetings and our numbers to 10.

Computing: We will be learning about digital devices and networks.

Family Learning Ideas: Build a mini prehistoric home outdoors, visit Stonehenge, make some Iron Age or Bronze Age jewellery using thin copper wire, cook outdoors, visit Chertsey Museum or Butser Ancient Farm

Value of the half-term: Our value is positivity

Trips/Workshops: A science visitor to reinforce the children's learning in their Rocks and Soils topic. Details on this will be coming out very soon.

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