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# CHALONER PRIMARY

## Year 3/4 Topic Letter

This half term's topic is:  
**The Stone Age**



### Literacy

*This half term, the children will be reinforcing and consolidating their basic*

*Literacy skills through story writing. They will improve their use of punctuation by learning how to use basic punctuation accurately, including speech punctuation and commas. The children will also learn about nouns, verbs and adjectives and learn to use them regularly throughout their work.*

*When writing for different purposes they will learn how to link paragraphs and also vary the length and complexity of their sentences. We will also focus on improving the size, orientation, position and joining of their handwriting.*



### Science

*The children will learn about 'Animals'. They will name common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals and identify which are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will explore the right type and amount of nutrition an animal needs, and understand that they cannot make their own food; that they get nutrition from what they eat. We will also learn that some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.*



### R. E.

*This half term, the children will find out about the religion of Hinduism. They will investigate where and when the religion started and where in the world believers are now and how many believers there are. They will also come to understand what Hindu's believe about God and make a fact sheet about Brahman and his 3 deities.*

### Numeracy

*In Numeracy, the children will be reinforcing their basic skills. They will continue to practice written methods for addition and subtraction and carry out real life problem solving work related to this. We will also reinforce skills in mental maths to help the children solve problems quickly and accurately using a range of strategies. Children will also continue to reinforce their understanding of the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables. In topic maths we will investigate measures.*



### P.E.

*This half term, the children will create sequences of movement by taking weight on different parts of the body. They will also use rolls and jumps and travel over, under and through. In games they will practice throwing for distance and accuracy.*

### Topic

*In their topic lessons the children will use a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts to learn about life in the Stone Age. They will learn facts about this time as well as improve their understanding of texts through a wide variety of comprehension tasks.*



### ART/DT

*In Art and D.T. the children will recreate Stone Age hand prints and cave paintings. They will also explore architecture across the UK from a range of times and use these ideas to design and sketch their own structures.*



### Computing

*In Computing the children will reinforce their knowledge of how to stay safe when using multi media technology. They will also begin to understand what algorithms are and use them in programs to create sequences of movement and their own game landscapes..*

### PSHE

*In PSHE, the children will learn from the topic 'Going For Goals'. Through discussion and circle time activities the children will focus on motivation and self-awareness. This gives an opportunity for all children's abilities, qualities and strengths to be valued. They will reflect on themselves as individuals particularly their strengths as learners and how they learn most effectively. They will also discuss the British values of aspiration and equality.*



### Notes

- Please listen to your child read every night.
- Remember to bring P.E. kits on appropriate days.
- Please help your child learn their spellings and times tables.