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Year 5 and 6 Term 1 & 2 Project We're Going On A Bear Hunt.... A Stone Age Quest

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term!

Please find attached an overview of the learning planned for Terms 1 and 2 within our project of 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt.... A Stone Age Quest'. We have a series of questions that we will be answering as the project unfolds which include: How do we know what life was like in Prehistoric times? What did it mean to be a hunter gatherer in the Stone Age? What can we learn about survival from wolves? Why were rivers important to Stone Age survival? Can we unravel the mystery of Stonehenge? The Iron Age: How have things changed since the Stone Age? The children will also have opportunities to add their own ideas and questions to extend the project further. This will be a very interactive and practical project as we make the most of our local environment in learning how Stone Age hunter-gatherers survived and undertaking river studies. To extend our learning further we will be reading *Wolf Brother* by Michele Paver which is set 6,000 years ago in Mesolithic times where Torak, the main character, is sent on a quest to find the mountain of the world spirit.

We have already walked up through the wood to visit Banwell Bone Cave to examine the bones of animals from 70,000 years ago which was amazing! We have two other main trips planned which include visiting Wild Place on 3rd October to learn about wolf behaviour and a visit to Stonehenge on 21st November to unravel the mysteries of the stones and to learn more about Neolithic life. Details about these trips will be out shortly.

We will end our project with a Clan Meet – a showcase of our learning which will be shared with parents in December, around the camp fire. We will let you know the date for this, nearer the time. If there are any parents or members of the community who have any skills that they could share with us to help our understanding of Stone Age life, we would very much appreciate your input.

We will be continuing to work hard to go 'above and beyond' in achieving our very best in our learning and the children are expected to have super focus in all lessons. In maths, we are starting off this term with working on place value, followed by calculating with the four rules of number. Our reading and writing will all be linked to our class text, the project work and wow days that have been planned.

The children will be getting homework on Fridays that will need to be completed and handed in on Wednesdays (or Thursdays if homework club is attended.) In addition to this, the children need to be learning tables, spellings and reading. If there are ever problems with completing homework, please let us know. Please help your child to bring in their reading books and reading records every day and to hand in their homework book, on time.

The children have already had a fantastic start to the year and we are looking forward to seeing how they progress in Year 5.

Sam Nicholson, Mrs Rac, Mrs Brien and Mrs Pritchard