



Stonerise School

# Class Oak Newsletter Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

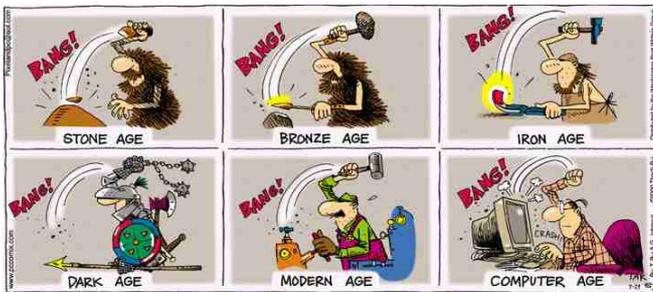
Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. We are now over half way through the school year: can you believe it?

This half term our topic question is,

## 'How did Britain change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?'

This will be a great topic, exploring British history. The children will learn about how early man survived in a harsh environment, why Skara Brae was important for understanding life in the Stone Age, how copper mining was crucial to the Bronze Age and why Stonehenge was built. Children will also learn about why Iron Age people developed hillforts and how important Druids were in Iron Age Britain. I'm sure they will enjoy getting stuck into the topic!



As we visited the British Museum during our London Residential, we're not going to organise a trip as we realise that parents have already spent a considerable amount in recent months.

### English

During English we will complete the London Eye Mystery, now that we have been able to try out our theories when we visited the Wheel. We will take part in a formal debate this week about adult supervision when children are in town. We will be looking at NSPCC guidelines but I will in no way be advocating that your child should be allowed into the City Centre unsupervised; it's just to create some good discussion.

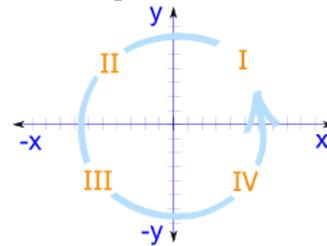


For the remainder of the topic, we will dip in and out of a few books about British history, exploring some myths, legends and truths from our past.

### Maths

During our maths lessons we will look at position and direction on a four-quadrant grid. We will also explore some basic algebra and develop our understanding of statistics.

Before half term I encouraged the children to work on their times tables: please could I encourage you to continue doing this, particularly focussing on their 6, 7, 8 and 12 x tables.



### Science/Relationships Education

In this topic, the children will look at and describe the changes as humans develop to old age. As part of this we will have our Upper Key Stage 2 relationships classes. These will take place during the final week of the half term – more details will follow closer to the time. Do think about whether or not you would like your child to be involved in these classes as it is a parent's prerogative to withdraw their children from these classes if they so wish. We will not be discussing intercourse, but rather explore what it's like being part of a healthy relationship and we will discuss any changes their bodies will go through as they reach puberty.

### DATE TO NOTE:

London Residential Review Assembly (Oak and Hazel) – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

As always, please get in touch if you have any questions at all.

Kind regards,  
James Webb