

Dear Year 3 Children and Parents,

First let me start with a welcome. We are delighted to welcome you back and are looking forward to an action-packed year. We hope you've had a wonderful summer and are fully refreshed for a fun filled year ahead.



This year our team consists of the wonderful Miss Smith (our class TA), Mrs Baskerville (Monday to Wednesday morning) and Miss Lane (Wednesday afternoon to Friday). Please be assured that throughout the year we will be working together very closely as a team to ensure consistency and the absolute best for each and every child in our care.

As you will know from Mrs Berry's letter last week, the timings for the school day and returning to pre-covid times. This means that your child will need to arrive at school between **8:40am and 8:55am** and enter through the blue door by the chapel. They will then need to walk through the corridor to the Year 3 cloakroom and classroom.

The school day will then be ending at **3:15pm** and the children will be walked around to the blue door by the chapel.

Please can I also remind you that children must have their PE kits in school all week. In Year 3, we have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. PE kits must be in named bags and kept on children's pegs.

Our topic this term is 'The Stone Age' where we will be looking at prehistoric Britain and comparing it to life today. To kick start our topic, we will have a box of Stone Age artefacts on loan from Dorset Museum. We also have two excellent books to guide us through our topic: Stone Age Boy and The Stone Age: Hunters, Gatherers and Woolly Mammoths.

Homework

To link with our topic, you will find our homework grid on the school website and Google Classroom. These grids outline a selection of different tasks to be completed by the end of this half term. The grid consists of 4 different activities. Each activity has a given number of points and over the half term the children will need to complete a minimum of 20 points (of course they can exceed this number if they wish). It is important to make sure that at least one activity from each group is completed (A-D).

This homework can be either submitted on Google Classrooms or if you have created something spectacular that you would like to display, please do bring it into school. Please do feel free to ask if you are unsure or need any support with the activities. Have fun!

SPELLINGS

Every week the children will have 5 spellings to learn from the Y3/4 statutory curriculum spelling list. The complete list of these spellings can be found on Google Classroom in the Knowledge Organiser. The remainder of the spelling test will be on rules taught that week during spelling lessons. The test will take place on a Friday morning and the children's new spellings will then be set via Google Classrooms every Friday. We currently have two spelling group names: Iron Age and Stone Age. Your child will be told which group they are in.

TIMES TABLES

To support with speedy recall of times tables, we also ask that children spend no longer than 10 minutes completing their allocated challenges on Times Tables Rocks Stars (TTRS) at home. By the end of Year 3, children should be able to quickly recall facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.



MATHS & ENGLISH

Each week, there will be IXL Maths and English homework set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. This will either be based on what we have been covering in class or revising an area we should already know. Please note that the IXL homework is optional in Year 3.



READING

In addition to the set homework, I cannot stress enough the importance of regular reading. In Year 3 the children should be reading at least FIVE times each week to an adult. As well as helping your child with their fluency and expression, it is very important to check their comprehension of the text by asking regular questions.

MEET THE TEACHER

We will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' evening in September for you to come into the classroom and discuss the new routines and expectations of the new year group. The time and date of this is yet to be confirmed but please keep your eyes on Parent Mail and Google Classrooms for updates.

We are very much looking forward to this year and thank you in advance for your support. After what has been an unprecedented few years, we are excited to get started in what will be a challenging but exciting year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Baskerville, Miss Lane and Mrs Smith