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Dear Parents and Careers

Year 3 Class Curriculum Newsletter – Aut 1

Welcome to Year 3!

I have really enjoyed meeting your children and I am really pleased with how well they have settled in so far. This letter is to go through some important information about your child's first half term in Year 3.

Our topic this term is 'Stone Age to Iron Age' and I have attached is a copy of our topic web which outlines all the areas we will be covering between now and October half term.

PE

Our PE session for this term is on a Wednesday. Please send your child in to school on these days wearing PE kit which should consist of a plain t-shirt of their house colour, black/navy shorts/jogging bottoms and a plain sweatshirt or hoodie. We always try to go outside whenever possible, so please make sure children wear suitable trainers and include a warm layer for the colder months.

Homework

Homework in Year 3 consists of weekly spellings, reading and times table practice. In Year 3, weekly spelling sessions will replace the phonics teaching from KS1. Some children will, however, continue with daily phonics sessions in the afternoons until they are able to confidently apply this knowledge in their reading and writing.

The children's spelling books this year are yellow, which will be required in school every Friday, ready for their end of week spelling test. New spellings are handed out every Friday, and we will always stick a copy of these in the yellow book for your reference.

Inside your child's reading record is a login for EdShed where you will find spelling games containing the weeks spellings or alternatively inside the cover to the yellow spelling book, you will see a 'Spelling menu' which offers different ways of practicing spellings so hopefully there is a variety of activities to appeal to every learner. Children will also receive a homework sheet that must be returned every Friday. Children who are still attending phonics groups will receive spellings that link to the sounds they have been learning that week and we ask that you prioritise those ahead of the Year 3 spellings. They will still be taught Year 3 spellings in school and are of course welcome to practice these at home in any of the above ways if they would like to.

We would love it if children could read at home at least 3x per week and that this is recorded in their reading records. Children change their books on a Monday and we would ask that their reading books are in school each day for quiet reading opportunities. Reading records will be checked on a Monday so please ensure you have written in the reading that your child has completed, and that it is brought into school.

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They should have one 'banded' book that is at their current reading level and one 'reading for pleasure' book which, depending on their interests, can sometimes be one that you read together. Please feel free to record books that you have read together as we love to hear about these too.

Finally, inside your child's reading record you should find a login for Times Table Rockstars. We would really appreciate any support you can give at home with learning times tables as it really helps to embed this skill ahead of the Times tables check which takes place in Year 4.

Recorders

In Year 3 we are very fortunate to have weekly music lessons with Mr Yorke, our wonderful recorder teacher. The children have their own recorder to keep in school and throughout the year will be learning the different notes, musical notation and a range of different musical pieces. Lessons are always on Friday afternoons.

I hope that your children have a fun and successful year! I am really excited about our term ahead! If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office or after school at the classroom door.

Miss Brown
Year 3 Class Teacher