



January 2025

Year 3 – Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to say welcome back and a Happy New Year. We hope you had a great Christmas break and that you are ready for the Spring term.

This half term, our children will be learning about the Stone Age era. Over the next few weeks, they will have the opportunity to read texts that relate to this era, learn about the daily life of cave dwellers, create their own cave paintings and write their own Stone Age texts. To support the children with their learning, we will be visiting Buster Farm on **Tuesday 11th February**. If you have not already, please complete the google forms permission that has been sent out today. The children will have a fantastic day making jewellery, carving chalk, becoming archaeologists and they will tour of the Stone Age site.

In Mathematics, the children will begin their learning of multiplication and division. We will be working towards learning how to use a formal written method for multiplication and the children will also be developing their understanding of grouping and sharing. Working on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and related division facts at home will be extremely beneficial, especially for their weekly Times Tables Test on a Friday. All children have Times Tables Rock Stars Login and it is a great way to support learning, please do encourage this at home.

To further support at home, please ensure that your child reads every day to an adult and that this is recorded in their school planners. In addition, children are given weekly spellings and they are tested on them. There are many fun ways to learn their spellings; some of these can be found on our website and by using Spelling Shed.

We would like to remind you that Year 3 have Physical Education (PE) every **Thursday**. Some of the learning will take place outside, weather permitting. For these sessions, the children will need black jogging bottoms, a black sweatshirt or tracksuit top and trainers as the weather can be bitterly cold. For indoor PE, the children will be barefoot and should wear shorts, as these are less likely to cause them to trip and slide on the floor. We have asked the children to bring in both their indoor and outdoor kit each Monday and then take them home for washing on Friday. Earrings must not be worn and teachers are not permitted to remove them. We expect the children to be able to remove them if they must keep their earrings in during school hours.

We are really looking forward to what we think will be another great half term for the children. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. You can do this by writing a note in your child's planner or telephoning the school and they will make contact with you.

Very best wishes,

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