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Dear Parents

This half term, we will have a History focus learning all about The Stone Age and Prehistoric Britain. Attached to this letter are your child's Knowledge Organisers which contain key facts, vocabulary and information about your child's learning in class. This will enable you to support your child's learning at home.

Our learning:

- In Writing, we will start the term writing a fact file about a chosen dinosaur. We will then move onto writing stories including speech based on the story Stone Age Boy.
- Our focus in Reading lessons will be the skill of retrieval, inferring and summarising.
- In Maths we are focusing on addition and subtraction before moving onto multiplication and division later in the term.
- In Science, we will be learning about rocks and developing our scientific enquiry through investigations. We will be comparing types of rocks and learning about how fossils are formed.
- In History, we will be learning all about the Stone Age and developing our historical knowledge using disciplinary skills. We will focus on how was life in a prehistoric settlement different to life today.
- In R.E. we will be exploring key questions about Christmas, the children will explore the question 'Has Christmas lost its true meaning?'
- In P.E. we will be focusing on sequences of gymnastics, learning to use movement sequences on apparatus.
- In Art, we will be investigating cave paintings before moving onto making our own.
- In ICT, we will be rule writers, focussing on online safety, before moving onto being programmers, programming an animation.
- In Music we will be exploring how songs and poems about places are used to explore music. Children will create accompaniments and sound pictures to reflect sounds in their local environment.

Attached to this letter are the Knowledge Organisers related to this term's learning to give you more detail on what the children will be learning. These show the facts that we hope all children should be able to recall at the end of the term. You could use them to 'test' your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

Homework

Homework will be given out each week on a Friday and should be completed by Tuesday and returned to school. Alongside this, children links to learning websites will be available on the Year 3 page of the school website.

Homework in Year 3 consists of a few different things:

- Spellings and handwriting are a big focus for us this year and we are lucky to have access to some online resources which will be set as part of the homework. Log in details for **Spelling Shed** and **Letter Join** will be available in the front of your child's reading log.
- **Times Table Rockstars** is a fabulous online program that we use to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts. The children have all been given log ins to this. It is very repetitive at the beginning while it assesses where each child is and then sets a program for them. It can also become very competitive in school as we set up 'rock battles' between classes. In our experience, short burst of regular practice is more effective than spending hours once a week.
- Children should be **reading** at home **at least 4 times-per week** in preparation for their Accelerated Reader quiz. Developing a love of reading helps people in so many ways, not just with their work in reading but also in writing and topic lessons. Children will receive dojo's when they have 3 parental comments in their reading record.
- New this year, your children will soon be given log in details for a website called **conquermaths.com** which is a fun and engaging way for them to practice the maths skills they have learnt in school.



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PE

This term, **PE** will be on the following days:

- Jay – Wednesday
- Robin – Friday
- Wren – Wednesday

On your child's PE day, please send them to school in their PE kit and trainers (white t-shirt and black shorts or tracksuit).

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you. The easiest way to contact us is via ClassDojo or please catch us after school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team