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Year 3 Autumn Term

Welcome back to the new school year and I hope that you have all had a lovely summer break! It's great to see all of the children back with wonderful enthusiasm to start their learning for the year. With the children now in Key Stage 2, the children are no longer provided with a free piece of fruit. Please may I ask that your child is sent in with a healthy snack for their break time.

This term we will be learning about the changes from the Stone age to the Iron age in history whilst in science, we will be focusing on the topics of Rocks and Soil as well as Humans, Animals and Nutrition. In English we will be studying a range of texts linked with the Stone Age which will be used to produce a range of writing. In maths, we will be working on place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) whilst using 3-digit numbers. In addition to these subjects please see below the foundation subject topics that will be covered:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Science – Rocks and soil	Science - Animals including humans
History – Stone Age to the Iron Age	History – Local history study
Computing – Online safety and touch typing	Computing – Email
Art – Cave paintings	DT – Construction
PSHE – Me and my relationships	PSHE – Valuing difference
RE – Transformation	RE – Holy
PE – Football	PE – Hockey

Homework

In Year 3, the children will receive one piece of homework. This homework may link to the maths, grammar topic or foundation subjects for that week. In addition to this, we ask parents/carers to listen to your child read regularly (up to 4 times a week) as well as asking them questions about what they have read. Reading at home is really important as within school we continue to support the children with developing their fluency and comprehension skills. Please record this in their Reading Record and sign it. I would like the children to log onto Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) when possible to practice their times tables. All the children's logins have been stuck into the front of their Reading records for you to access. If you need any guidance on how to access Times Table Rockstars, please come and speak to me. The children will be given their homework every Friday and it will need to be handed in to be marked on the following Thursday.

Times Tables

With times tables, the expectation is that by the end of Year 3, the children should be able to recall fluently their x3, x4 and x8 times tables. This term we will be focusing on securing our x2, x5 and x10 tables first before moving onto the next group of tables. Please support your child with learning their tables as this is an extremely important part of the maths curriculum as the children will be using this piece of knowledge frequently as they move up the school.

PE

Your child needs to bring in their PE kit at the beginning of the week. The PE kit should include a plain white t-shirt, dark coloured shorts and plimsolls/trainers. As the weather is getting colder, it would also be good to pack dark coloured jogging bottoms. If your child wears earrings to school, please provide tape to cover and protect their ears, or teach your child to take them out or ideally not wear them on PE days. Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please also pack an extra pair of socks in case the children get wet feet at playtime or during PE.

If you haven't done so yet, please bring in a named pair of wellies that can be kept in the Year 3 shed. These wellies can be worn on the field when it is wet. If your child does not bring in wellies they may not be allowed on the field.

I am looking forward to working alongside you and your children this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself at the classroom door or via email (year3@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support,

Miss Mapleston.

