

Dear All,

Welcome back parents and carers of year 4 children and a warm welcome to parents and carers of my new year 3 children! I hope you all had a great summer and that you and your children are as ready for a brilliant school year as we are!

Here are some reminders first:

- Please make sure all your child's belongings have their name on so we can return them to you.
- Make sure your child has a water bottle and waterproof coat in school every day.
- PE kits should be in school all the time.
- It would be great if your child has wellies in school all the time.

We have an exciting half term ahead!

Spelling - all children will receive 30 minutes of phonics/spelling every day.

English - We will be starting the term with the text *The Stone Age Boy*, linked to our History topic of the Stone Age to Iron Age. We will be having a focus on handwriting during this first half term and helping children build on their super work from last year. We will be exploring how to write narratives and create plots and write informal letters.

Maths - Maths will begin with Place value of number for all children, with each year group receiving mostly separate input for their year group specific objectives.

Science - Rocks, Soils and Fossils! This is a great practical unit and we will further be linking in some non-chronological report writing around this topic.

Topics – History - Prehistoric Britain

RE – Why do people pray?

PSHE - We will be starting the first few weeks with embedding our school rules and values and thinking about what this 'looks like' in our classroom. We will be moving on with this further by focussing on protected characteristics and how we show acceptance and tolerance of other people.

Art and Design – Using charcoals

PE – Handball. This will begin with lots of throwing, catching and movement skills and is a great sport to build on group and team games.

Computing - Computer systems and networks

Music - Music theory and handbells.

Other information

Reading

Children will have brought home a reading diary with them. They have been shown this in class and this diary is for yourselves and your child to write in to record their reading. Children are welcome to bring home books from the class library, and can also read books from home in school should they wish. If you would like me to check the levels of any books they are reading at home just let me know.

Children will read to an adult in school at least once a week. Could children please try and have their reading diary in school with them every day. They will be encouraged each day to bring this home for you.

PE

PE lessons for class 2 will be on a Thursday, with other short physical activities timetabled in throughout the week. Could children please make sure therefore that they have PE kits with them everyday, as PE may happen on different days if weather conditions are not great.

Homework

Homework will begin to be set from Friday 15th September.

Work may include:

- Spelling
- Maths
- grammar/writing
- reading

Children will have a red homework book which homework will be sent home in, with new homework being set every Friday. Children can hand in their completed homework at any time during the week.

If any work being set is found to be too tricky or you aren't sure what is required, do please let me know!

Show and tell

There is no designated show and tell in Class 2. Instead, if children have anything they would like to show the class that is linked to any of our classwork they are welcome to chat to me and I will find a time during the week for them to show the class.

I will be outside on the gate every Tuesday morning and again at the end of every day should you wish to speak to me about anything. However, if you do need to speak to me about your child or their learning outside of this time, do not hesitate to let me know and we can find a suitable time.

Best wishes,

Miss Moore