



# Abbey Meads Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a brand new academic year, and the first term of Year 3! It is so great to see all of the pupils back from the summer holidays. This term, our exciting topic is 'Turn Back Time', where we will be learning about prehistoric Britain.

As our topic has a history focus, we will be delving into the past and finding out about key events and changes between the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. In Science we will be exploring rocks and fossils; we will find out how fossils are formed and explore the properties of different rocks. With our English work, we will be writing descriptive pieces that use a range of adjectives and adverbs to portray characters and settings. We will also be imagining that we have been transported back to the Stone Age and write diaries recounting our adventures. Our class book - 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King - will provide stimulus for reading sessions as well as develop our vocabulary for writing.

This year, Year 3 pupils will be given a physical book to record reading enjoyed at home and this will also be used in school by class staff. Pupils will be encouraged to use Accelerated Reader accounts to help with their fluency and understanding of different texts, where they are able to complete quizzes after finishing each book. Children will receive their passwords and the web address for AR in their reading record.

In maths, we will be developing our knowledge of the place value with a focus on numbers to 1000. We will be learning to add and subtract three digit numbers and continue to develop our skills of counting in multiples and recalling times table facts.

Number bonds will continue from last year and we will also be continuing the times tables system, whereby all children will be focussing on the same times tables and tested weekly. Some of the tests will involve some simple word problems so they can work on applying their arithmetic skills. Weekly spellings will also be provided for practising at home. Please note that our testing day in Year 3 will be a Tuesday.

PE for Year 3 will be on a Monday (indoors) and a Wednesday (outdoors). For these days pupils should come to school in their PE kits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see us or contact us. We look forward to seeing you at our Curriculum Briefing on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm, where we will be talking through all aspects of Year 3.

Mrs Dangerfield, Mrs Dendy-Taylor and Mrs Rowley



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