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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back into school and to Year 3. We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer and we hope the children will settle back into school quickly, with their new classes and routines.

Our first topic is 'Turn Back Time - From Stone Age to Iron Age', which we will link to several areas of the curriculum. Outdoor PE will be handball on **Wednesday** and indoor PE (gymnastics) will be on **Monday**. This year, PE kits are to be worn to school on PE days, with trainers rather than daps, ready for their lesson. Long hair must be tied back and children with earrings must remove their studs or cover them with tape, which we have a supply of in the classroom.

In English, we will be start off reading a variety of books and stories linked to the Stone Age. We then will use these as a stimulus for children's writing, during the term. We will be practising and consolidating phonics, punctuation and joined handwriting, building on the their work from year 2. They will also practise editing and improving their own work.

In Year 3, we use Accelerated Reader to support the children's reading and comprehension; more information will follow on this shortly. The children will be given personalised log-ins so they can access the quizzes at home. In maths, we will consolidate and build on the children's knowledge of place value, number bonds up to 20 (such as $5 + 3 = 8$, $11 + 3 = 14$) and doubling and halving up to 100. The children will continue to develop formal written methods for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and then apply these to worded problems.

The system for spellings will change this year. Most children will begin to work through Stage 3 of Spelling Shed. Children will receive a new spelling list each week and will progress onto the next list the following week, regardless of their scores. Number bonds will continue as they did in Year 2 and we will be continuing the times tables system, whereby all children will be focussing on the same times tables and tested weekly on a **Wednesday**. Plastic wallets will be provided for weekly spellings, number bonds and times tables, with the wallet being returned to you by Thursday at the latest.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

The Year 3 Team

