Dear Parents / Carers,

**WELCOME BACK TO YEAR 3**

We hope that everyone has had a lovely holiday and is ready to continue learning and working hard in Year 3.

Our curriculum over the next half term will be based on the following texts; Stone Age Boy and Dave’s Cave. In English we will be focusing a lot of our reading and writing around these stories.  During maths lessons we are focusing on Addition and Subtraction – including money and Multiplication and Division. Our Prime Learning Challenge for the second half term will be ‘What is the difference between the Stone Age and Iron Age?’ This will be a History led theme. In Science, we will be investigating Magnets and Forces using pattern seeking skills and fair testing. While in Computing we will be learning about E-Safety, including communication on a range of devices. In Art and Design, we will be looking at sculptures, with a focus on using a range of tools to add details. To support the children’s learning this half term we will also have an Art day with a professional artist alongside a trip to a museum (dates of this will be confirmed for each class).

**PE days**

Class 3.1: Wednesday

Class 3.2: Monday

Class 3.3: Wednesday

**Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit.** Children must wear a black jumper,a white T- shirt, black shorts and black trainers. Please refer to the letter from Mr Cooper stating that this needs to be logo free. If the weather is cold the children can wear dark, plain jogging bottoms (not leggings) as PE will most likely take place outside. Please note that earrings should not be worn for PE and should be removed for the day prior to leaving home or tape applied. Long hair should be tied back.

In addition to their class PE slot, children will have additional PE as part of the PPA provision. Please see the table below for the additional days for your child during the first half term.

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| **Autumn 1** | **P.E.** |
| **Tuesday 31st October 2023** | 3.2 |
| **Tuesday 7th November 2023** | 3.3 |
| **Tuesday 14th November 2023** | 3.1 |
| **Tuesday 21st November 2023** | 3.2 |
| **Tuesday 28th November 2023** | 3.3 |
| **Tuesday 5th December 2023** | 3.1 |
| **Tuesday 12th December 2023** | 3.2 |

**Reading and Spelling**

Your child will be given a reading book and a reading journal to bring home and read (for at least 15 minutes every day). ***They will need to keep their reading journal and book in their book bags to bring to school every day.*** Spellings are sent home weekly for your child to practise and learn.

**Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes**

Children need to bring in a named water bottle into school every day. If they are not having a school lunch and are bringing their own in from home, we encourage this to be in a disposable bag or a small lunch box which can be wiped down easily. A polite reminder that water bottles should be filled with water and not juice.

**Homework**

Homework is an opportunity for you to share in your child’s learning, by supporting and encouraging them as they complete their homework tasks. The children will be able to choose to do homework in any order from the homework menu. While it should be primarily their work, please feel free to help them with any parts they find more challenging. Homework will usually be set on the first Friday of a half term. It will not be due in until the end of the half term. The date will be identified on the homework menu grid.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bilevych, Mr Beck and Miss Faulkiner

Year 3 staff.