



Friday 11th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer-we are delighted to welcome the children back to year 3.

To begin with, we would like to reassure you that your child's safety and education is most important to us. Due to the social distancing rules currently in place, we are unable to hold a coffee morning. We hope this letter provides you with as much information as possible.

Children need to arrive in school between 8:40 and 9:10am- (surnames A-F 08:40-08:50, surnames G-M 8:50-09:00 and surnames N-Z 09:00-09:10). Please follow the one way system around the school groups. After this time, the top playground's doors will close, and children will have to go through the main building to register with the office as late. For those parents collecting, this will also be the case for the top playground door until 3:30 pm, after which the children will need to be collected from the office. Please ensure your child arrives promptly to school. Children are NOT allowed to play football before or after school currently.

Homework – This will be handed out weekly on a Friday and is due in on Wednesdays. Each child will be given a homework folder and homework. Every other week children will need to complete homework in their books, on alternative weeks homework will be set via google classroom.

Each week the homework will be relevant to your child's learning and will be English and Maths related. Homework needs to be completed in the homework book and returned inside the folder or on google classroom.

Each week, the children will also be tested on spellings. In their homework folder, you will find their spelling book which will contain the results from their spelling tests. If your child does not understand anything, please do not hesitate to ask. Please note: homework that is not brought in by Wednesday will NOT be marked for that week.

Reading - To be undertaken daily and recorded in their yellow reading journals. Books can be borrowed from school or brought in from home. Reading journals will be monitored weekly by your child's class teacher. We will send home a guided reading book with the children and a book from the book corner. Children can change their school books whenever they want to.

Pencil cases- Please ensure your child brings their pencil case to school daily. Pencil cases should contain HB pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue and coloured pencils (handwriting pens will be provided by the school).

Curriculum

Maths – This term will start with focussing on children’s understanding of number, place value and looking at addition and subtraction.

English - We will be focussing on the book ‘Stone Age Boy’. There will be a variety of different writing opportunities from this including letters, diary entries and setting descriptions. There will also be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG). In SPAG we will be looking at capital letters and full stops, commas, speech marks, different sentence openers and revising the keywords for year 1 and 2. (These will be stuck into the homework book)

Topic – Our topic is ‘Stone Age to Iron Age’. We will be focusing on life in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, a period covering a million years of history. As well as understanding the chronology of this fascinating time, children will learn about the food, religion, homes, technology and art and how each of these areas developed and changed over time and how amazing developments occurred from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Science – We will be learning about Healthy Living this half term through a range of theory and practical lessons.

RE- We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half term we will learn about Hinduism and the Hindu way of life. This includes the role of religious images, the importance of worship at home, worship at the temple and learning about food given as offerings.

PE – The children will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Children need to attend school in appropriate PE kits on these days as we will not be changing in the classrooms. Please note that PE will go ahead even in light rain.

Computing- The children will be learning how to programme animation, finding and correcting bugs.

Once again, we will be using **Seesaw** as a key method of communication. We would really appreciate it if you signed up to Seesaw to receive notifications, messages and pictures. Please note you will need to enter a new code for Year 3.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns. We are available most days before and after school or alternatively you can make an appointment through the office if this is not convenient.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ellery (3EB Monday- Wednesday/ Assistant Headteacher),
Mrs Battle (3EB Wednesday-Friday) and Mrs Penston (3EB).
Mrs Clarke (3C), Mrs Wilson (3C)

