

To parents/carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas. It was brilliant seeing so many of you in school in the lead up to Christmas. Whilst the Spring term will be slightly less manic, it looks set to be another busy period in school.

During the Spring term the children have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. I would really appreciate if the children could have both indoor and outdoor clothing so that we are prepared for both scenarios. Children should have a plain white t-shirt, blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms and a jumper in case the weather is cold. Children are also required to have trainers in school too.

Similarly, to the Autumn Term, the children will be set homework on a Friday and will have a week to complete the activities. A typical week of homework includes ten spellings, a maths or English based task and some weekly reading. It is expected that the children read at least 3 times a week so if you could continue to sign reading records that would be appreciated. From your support at home, the children were able to make excellent progress with their reading throughout the Autumn term so thank you.

Our new topic in school is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. For this topic, the children will write a diary based on the perspective of a child living in the Stone Age and will produce non-chronological reports on prehistoric life. Below is an outline of what the curriculum looks like in Class 3 during Spring 1:

**ENGLISH:**

Diary writing - Based on the perspective of a child living during the Stone Age period

Non-chronological report - Based on prehistoric life

**MATHS:**

Multiplication and division and length and perimeter

**FOUNDATION:**

Science: Light

History: The Iron Age

Design and Technology: Stone Age Shelters

PSHE: Diverse Britain (Living in the Wider World)

PE: Cognitive - Dynamic Balance

Dance - Extreme Earth

French: Revision of numbers

Colours

Music: Three Little Birds

Computing: We are who we are - Creating presentations about ourselves

Religious Education: Why do people pray?

As always, if there is anything that you want to discuss with me, please contact the school office. My school email address is also:

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I hope the children have an excellent Spring term.

Kind regards,

Mr Lowe.