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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Class 3! I hope you and the children had an enjoyable break and are ready for the year ahead. The class are settling in really well and have got used to being back in a routine. This term our Year 3 & 4 Quest is Stones and Bones. We have planned a variety of learning experiences that are on the attached quest coverage leaflet.

Reading

Regular reading at home and at school makes such a difference to the educational outcomes of children and we encourage all families to listen to their children read as often as possible. The expectation within the school is to read at home at least four times a week. The children should all now have a reading record, please sign the reading records each time you hear your child read. There are some great prompts in the reading records to use as a guide for talking to your child about what they have read. We will be collecting the reading records in every week on a Monday for monitoring. Books will be changed whenever needed and reading records alongside books can be put into the green box at any time throughout the week and the books will be changed. Reading record folders need to be in school every day please. We have a library in the classroom which includes fiction, poetry and non-fiction which the children are encouraged to access during quiet reading sessions in class. If you have an interest in volunteering your time to listen to readers in class 3 we would love to hear from you so that we can arrange a time and sort out the necessary checks.

Homework

In addition to reading the children will bring home their spellings weekly. New spellings will be issued on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. The homework sheet needs to be returned to school on Friday with the task completed. Weekly maths homework is also set, this will usually be on mymaths but there will be times when a sheet will be given instead. Maths homework will always cover an area of learning that has already been taught and should take no more than 20 minutes (often less). Please do send an email if it is regularly taking longer so that we are aware. For all homework, house points are issued for completing on time and for writing sentences that make sense and are correctly punctuated in spelling. Please support and encourage your child to complete their homework. If there are exceptional circumstances that make it difficult for your child to complete their homework, please send a message via the class email address.

P.E.

This half term our PE sessions will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be times when additional session will occur so we ask that PE kits are in school every day please. If your child has their ears pierced these need to be removed for the PE session. Please ensure that your child is able to remove their piercings independently. If this is not the case, we would advise that they are removed before they arrive in school.



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Coats and water bottles

We take the children out to play as often as we can, even in light rainy weather and cold weather, it is important for the children to have a coat in school every day. We encourage children to drink plenty of water during the day, they are welcome to bring in their own named water bottle to drink from. Otherwise, cups and water are available.

The children can bring in their own pencil cases this year. If they choose to, it needs to be small enough to fit into their tray. Particularly special items ought to be left at home. Everything that your child needs to access the curriculum is here in schools so there is no obligation to provide anything yourself. Please endeavour to name everything that comes into school as it makes rehoming lost items much easier and avoids conflict in the event of uncertainty!

We have two forest school mornings booked in with Mr Wedderkopp this term. These will be on Wednesday 2nd October and Wednesday 4th December. On both days, we will have PE in the afternoon so there will be no need to bring in school uniform, as long as we have the PE kits in school. Later this half term, we have a Rocks and Fossils workshop booked with the South West Heritage Trust.

Finally, we are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any questions or worries please do get in touch. This can be done via the class 3 email or in person.

Kind regards

Ms Brooke and Mrs Laphorn



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