



Highwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you have had a lovely summer and are ready for a fresh and exciting new year. As part of our fascinating cross-curricular topic 'Stone Age to the Iron Age', we have some great learning planned for the children:

- investigating rocks and soils, how we classify them and their uses
- cave paintings
- stone age settlements
- design a prehistoric home
- cave poetry

PPA: The Year 3 teachers' planning time is on a Friday afternoon and will be covered by Mr. Johnson, teaching ICT and Madame Watson, teaching French.

Home Learning:

Home Learning goes out on a Thursday and is due to come in on the following Tuesday. Children can complete an activity from the home learning grid every week.

Reading:

The children are expected to read at home regularly. Please help your children to complete the comments section in their Reading Journal as they read each book. There are also weekly Reading Challenges – some of these will be completed in school but your child can also choose this as a free choice option from the Home Learning Grid.

Reading is essential to all of your child's learning. Make reading a special time at home by sharing a story or fascinating fact book together and talk about what you have read. This will develop your child's reading comprehension and their love of books.

Handwriting:

Year 3 is an important year for children to become secure in joining their writing. When doing Home Learning, please continue to support your child with practising their cursive letter formation and then joining their letters. Children can earn their Pen Licence for consistent neat handwriting, which means they can then write with a Key Stage 2 Handwriting Pen.

Times tables:

Times tables are vital for your child's Mathematical learning because it makes calculations easier and quicker for them. Therefore, please support your child by helping them practise their times tables regularly. To make it fun, you could use games online, singing and





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chanting them on the way to school or through playing maths boards games. Your child needs to know their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 3.

P.E. Kits:

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school on Monday and Wednesday. Full P.E. kits: House colour T-shirt, black shorts, trainers, tracksuit trousers for outdoor P.E. and a black jumper. Girls need to make sure that their hair is tied back and that they are not wearing any jewellery.

Parental Support:

If you have any spare time available during the school day we would be very pleased to have your help in our classrooms, possibly reading with children or helping in practical lessons.

Equipment:

Children need to have a water bottle (labelled) in school every day which they can use at break and lunch times.

Sharing Assemblies

Year 3 and 4 Harvest celebration – Friday 11th October

Maple 3 – tbc

Cedar 3 – tbc

The Year 3 Team:

Miss Mazhar and Miss Wing

