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AUTUMN TERM – YEARS 3 AND 4

Welcome to Years 3 and 4.

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. We hope you found our Welcome evening and the electronic pack helpful, and these answered many of your questions about life in the year group.

We are so pleased to see all the children back looking so smart and feeling so enthusiastic about their new classes. Firstly, we would like to welcome Mrs Claridge and Mr Hughes to our team.

Our topic this term is **Stick, Stones and Bones** in which we will be learning about life in prehistoric Britain. We have arranged for lots of exciting activities to support the work in which children will be engaged, including special visitors to our school and a WOW day. More details about these events will be sent to you in a separate letter.



If you have any topic related resources which might interest the children, we would be grateful if you could let them be brought into school to show. We will take the utmost care of them! Equally, should you have any knowledge in the field of Prehistoric Britain, then get in touch as we would love to hear from you.

PE and PE Days

As mentioned in the Welcome evening talk, children will be able to come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please ensure the children have the correct PE uniform as well as appropriate footwear for these days. Our PE uniform includes: a coloured house T-shirt, plain navy blue joggers, leggings or shorts, white/blue/grey socks and either a school jumper/plain navy hoodie/plain navy fleece as well as any appropriate footwear (not colour dependent). Earrings should be removed for PE and Games or should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. All children will be expected to participate in PE and games sessions unless a note has been provided by a parent or carer explaining exclusion.

The children will continue to benefit from the wide range of sports opportunities provided to them this term. The days that your child needs to wear their PE kits to school are as follows:

- Scotland (Mr Marsh) Monday & Thursday
- Ecuador (Mr Hughes) Wednesday & Friday
- France Class (Mrs Stringer) Wednesday & Thursday

HOMEWORK

Children have a weekly maths homework as well as a fortnightly topic activity to complete. The topic activities sheet, along with their due dates is in their topic homework books (purple book). These activities may be completed in any order. The majority of topic homework tasks should take **no longer than 40 minutes**. Maths homework should **take up to 30 minutes**. It is **fine to stop after these times** if your child is struggling to complete the tasks. We do appreciate your support with your child's work at home. We have a homework club available to children in Year 3/4 on Monday lunchtimes, which the children can attend to help them with their homework.





READING

We would ask that all children do some daily reading. This year, we have a reading journal book, which we will talk to the children about next week. This book will be sent home for children to engage in reading tasks/activities.

SPELLINGS



Instead of weekly lists, your child will be given a grid containing all of their term's spellings. The spelling list also tells the children their spelling group. This year, each teacher will be responsible for a specific spelling group: Mrs Claridge (Group 1); Mr Marsh (Group 2); Mr Hughes (Group 3); Mrs Stringer (Group 4).

We ask that the list of words is put in a prominent place at home where they can refer to it on a weekly basis. Every Monday morning, they will be given their list of words for the week from which a range of spelling activities will be set. We have ensured that the activities are engaging in order to help the children learn their words. We would be grateful if your child can be in class from 8:45am to take advantage of this.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

France class will have their assembly this term, Monday 25th November at 2:45pm. We look forward to seeing as many of our parents as possible on that day.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy life styles, children should be provided with a healthy packed lunch if they don't have a hot meal. If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks. Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter, Nutella, or products containing nuts or sesame as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.



WATER BOTTLES

Your child should be encouraged to bring a clear named plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class, these should not be used for squash or fruit juice. No 'Prime Bottles' are permitted. Children are encouraged to fill these up at the start of the day and during break and lunchtimes.

COMMUNICATION

Should you need to get in touch with us, send us an email or talk to us at the end of the day when collecting your child/children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Stringer, Mr Marsh and Mr Hughes

