



### Welcome back!

I would like to say a big 'Well Done' to all the children for coming into school so brilliantly this term. I know there were a few butterflies in tummies on the first couple of days, but everyone has settled really well and we're now getting used to our new routines.

### Forest School

Just a reminder that Forest School is on a Fridays this term. Please ensure the children are suitably dressed as they will be outside for a couple of hours come rain or shine! Please send in a change of clothes if necessary. **There will be no Forest School on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### Pencil Cases & Reading Books

Please only send in one pencil case as there is limited space in the children's trays to store them. Thank you.

Please make sure that your child has their book bag and reading book with them every day. We are continuing with the High 5 Reading Challenge this year, so need to check reading records daily.

**Homework** I will send home a pack of spellings on a half-termly basis. There will be 8 spellings for the children to learn each week, and they will be tested on a Friday. We will use the IXL platform to complete some maths tasks and we expect the children to read at least five times a week.

### Curriculum

#### Topic

Our first topic this term is called 'Tribal Tales'. This is based on Stone Age Britain and we will begin by learning about Stone Age art and draw comparisons between pre-historic Britain and the modern day. This is a history-based topic, but will encompass elements of geography, art, science and design. Our Forest School activities will also tie in with the Stone Age topic with the children making spears and dens, along with many other activities.

After half term, our topic is called 'Rattle Those Bones'. This is a science-based topic and will focus on the human anatomy, specifically the skeleton.

#### English

Our class book is 'Stig of the Dump'. This is based on the adventures of a Stone Age boy and his friend. We will use this as a starting point for writing newspaper reports, play scripts, fictional tales and persuasive letters.

#### Maths

We are focussing on the 3x table this term. In Y3, the children will be taught the 3, 4 and 8x table, so please feel free to support this as much as you can at home. In lessons, we will be focussing on addition and subtraction, looking at 3D shape, and subtraction by finding the difference.

#### PE

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Until October half term, the Forest School session takes the place of a PE lesson, so Forest School clothes will be needed on a Friday and PE kit on a Wednesday. After half term, it will be PE kit Tuesday and Wednesday.

#### RE

Our first RE unit is based on how important homes are. We will compare different homes and how we make people feel welcome in ours.

