

Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER – Y3/4

Welcome back to school and we hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday despite the strange circumstances that we still find ourselves in! We are so pleased that we will be able to resume school as 'normal' with a few changes made to our daily routine. We are delighted to have everyone back in LKS2 and we have planned some fun and exciting lessons this term.

Please see below a summary of what the children will be working towards over the next term.

Curriculum:

Our topic this term is 'Yabba Dabba Doo!' where children will be learning about life in the Stone Age through to the Iron Age . We will be exploring the key events that happened during this period and what life was like during this time. In English we will be using The Stone Age Boy, UG and The First Drawing as our texts to support writing activities. Please see the attached curriculum map for more detail.

PE:

On timetabled PE days, children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit which they will wear for the whole day. PE lessons will be taking place outdoors as much as possible so your child will need to wear school outdoor PE kit: jogging bottoms/shorts (weather dependent), t-shirt, school jumper where possible and trainers.

Elder- Outdoor PE Monday and Wednesday

Willow- Outdoor PE Monday and Friday

Oak- Outdoor PE Monday and Thursday

Homework/Reading Diaries:

Homework will be set online every Friday and should be completed and submitted by Wednesday morning. We will be setting homework on Clasdojo however we will be transition across to Google Classroom once the children have had some training in school on how to use this. We are hoping to have this up and running after half term.

Reading diaries will need to be completed and children should bring these to school every day. There will be no whole school reading challenge however the team will be creating a challenge which we will be sending more details about later this term. We will not be collecting reading diaries in but will be having conversations with children about their reading.

Safeguarding:

We would like to remind parents who pick up their children to tell the teacher, ring the office or hand in a written note to the teacher if someone other than yourselves is picking up your child. We can't allow children to leave with an unfamiliar adult unless we are aware of the arrangement from you. Also, given the staggered start and end times if you wish your child to leave the school gate independent of you to meet you at another gate because of a sibling then please let us know via email or Dojo message.

Uniform:

As part of our new COVID guidelines we will be keeping the classrooms ventilated as much as possible by having the doors and windows open. This may mean that the classrooms will become much colder than normal so we would advise children come suitable dressed in plenty of layers.

Children will be provided with their own stationery bags so we ask that children do not bring in their own pencil cases and belongings. Children can bring a **small** bag with them containing items that they need for that day, no other personal belongings should be coming into school.

Wilderness

We are hoping that this year the children will have the opportunity to take part in a 3 day residential to The Wilderness Centre! The residential will be on the 9th-11th June. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us via classdojo or telephone.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wakeling, Miss Cuthbertson, Miss Edwards and Mrs Tinsley