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Dear Parent,

Welcome to Year 3. I hope that you and your children have had a wonderful summer and are ready for the new term. The staff in Year 3 this year will be Miss Abbott, Mrs Place, Mrs Parker and Mrs Garner and we will be happy to answer any questions that you may have about your child's education.

This term, we will be focussing our learning on 'The Stone Age'. We will concentrate on archaeological evidence and information to help the children ask and answer questions about this era. They will think about big changes that occurred and what was the impact of farming on their way of life.

During our topic on 'Rocks and Soil' we will focus on working scientifically on a variety of investigations and longer tasks. We will look at the properties and uses of rocks, the rock family, soils and fossils.

We will continue to develop your child's maths and English skills in line with the National Curriculum and the main focus this term will be:

- Place value of numbers, time, addition, subtraction, money and measurement. We will also be completing daily activities to improve the children's number sense and hope that this will help them to complete calculations quickly and with increased accuracy.
- Using a variety of texts to gather evidence to gain information and write our own descriptions. We will also think about narratives and learn which features will make our own narrative interesting and exciting to read. We will be doing daily comprehension sessions which will look at inference, deduction and gathering evidence throughout different texts. We will also be reading a class novel, focusing on character, setting and mood, encouraging the children to ask questions as the story progresses and locate evidence in the text to answer specific questions. We will also look at the importance of how setting affects mood.

During RE, the children will learn about what the main concepts in Islam reveal about the nature of Allah



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For your information:

- Children should continue to read as often as possible to an adult at home, looking at and rereading sections of the text to help them to become more fluent.
- Reading books should be in school every day.
- The children will learn spelling strategies through our lessons, and we will be teaching the children about root words and adding prefixes and suffixes correctly and continuing through the spellings within the National Curriculum in a structured way.
- Homework grids for the term have been given to your children but can also be found on the school website and on Dojo. Six pieces of homework will need to be completed and returned to school throughout the term.
- **PE** will be on a **Tuesday and Wednesday** until half term. The children will need to come to school on these days in their PE kits – this will need to be **navy or black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and a school jumper or cardigan.**
- The children are able to bring in one piece of healthy snack to eat at playtime.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled to avoid losses or confusion.

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to send me a message on Class Dojo, call us at the office or come and see me.

Many thanks

Miss Abbott and the Year 3 staff.