

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful half term and are looking forward to the busy Christmas term that awaits us. Last term both myself and Mrs Jenkins were so impressed with how hard the children worked and how much thought and compassion they put into their learning. They have certainly become children of KS2, and are ready for all the exciting things the Christmas term offers!

I am thrilled to say that this term Year 3 will be starting our new history topic on the Stone Age. It has been fantastic to see the children's excitement about this and I can't wait to get started! We have already shared so much enthusiasm for examining various rocks— the children have been so observant!

Some of the interesting genres and tasks this term will consist of: writing diary entries and adventure stories, learning about Skara Brae, examining rocks and fossils and producing our own cave paintings (and paint). Please see this term's topic web for a more detailed list. Children are more than welcome to bring in any books from home based around our topic; please can I ask you clearly name anything sent into school.

For our class text, we are continuing to read *The Battle of Bubble and Squeak* by Philipa Pearce. Children are welcome to bring in their own copies to follow along in class. We have really been enjoying this book so far!

Once again, a huge thank you for sending in so many cakes for our Macmillan Bake Sale - the children had a fantastic time and managed to raise an amazing amount of money, which now stands at over £700!

Just a few reminders:

- \* **Water bottles** - Please remember to send your child in with a bottle every day. Water only please!
- \* **Reading at home** - If your child reads to you five times in a week they will get a Reading Point. Enough Reading Points will earn you a bookworm award. We have already given out so many awards, and I would love for this to continue!
- \* **Named Clothing** - As mentioned above, please ensure all items of clothing are named (especially jumpers and coats).
- \* **Homework** - Homework is set every Friday and due on a Wednesday. It directly correlates to what we are covering in class at the moment, and can be from either English, Maths, RE or Topic. Spellings are set on Friday for a test on Thursday.
- \* **PE** - PE for the term will be taught on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. As usual, children are to wear their PE kit into school on these days.
- \* **Gardening** - This term the children will be continuing outdoor learning on Fridays. Please send children in with wellies and outdoor clothing, which can be stored at school.

Please feel free to come and see me on the playground at the end of the day if there is anything you wish to discuss with me.

Kind regards,

*Miss Drury*