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Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a fantastic summer and are excited for the autumn term.

Writing and Reading

During the Autumn Term, the children in Tom Fletcher will delve into the story of the Stone Age Boy. Alongside exploring the narrative, children will craft their own tales inspired by the story and explore instructional texts about sports. Our Book Club discussions will also revolve around "The Stone Age Boy," offering a platform for comprehensive discussions on the class text. Additionally, the children will be summarising key pieces of text from the story.

Maths

In Mathematics, the focus will be on place value, with the children developing their knowledge of hundreds, tens and ones. They will be learning how to partition a number using a part whole model and how to compare numbers upto 1,000. A big focus of the Autumn term will be addition and subtraction skills. The children will be considering how to add 3-digit numbers together using strategies such as column addition or place value grids. In our subtraction work we will begin to learn about exchanging and when this is needed to help you solve a subtraction.

PE

PE sessions will comprise of two sessions per week featuring both netball and fundamental skills. This half term both P.E. sessions will be on a Monday. P.E will be outside unless it is raining. Children need to bring their P.E. kit in a bag each week so that they can get changed before the P.E. session. They will need the correct kit including house-coloured t-shirts paired with plain blue or black shorts, leggings, or joggers without logos or team branding.

Uniform

A polite reminder: Now that the children are in Year 3 there is more onus on them to be looking after their own possessions and clothing. Please ensure you write your child's name into all items (including indoor footwear/plimsolls) as it makes it easier to return any lost property at the end of each day. Now that it is getting colder and wetter, it is important your child has a pair of sandshoes in school that they can wear inside.

Homework

Spellings will be handed out every Monday for the children to practise at home. We will then have a mini test the following Monday. To practise the spellings, children need to follow the 'look, cover, write, check' method. During the Autumn term, all spellings given out will contain phonic sounds that we have been practising during the week.

Reading

Children should be reading at home at least three times a week. This can be their levelled school book or their library book. The children will be given new reading books within the next week once they have taken part in some reading activities within school. If you read at home, then please sign your child's reading record to show this. Reading books will be checked every **Friday** to ensure that children are practising their reading. All books will also be changed if needed on a **Friday**.

If you have any questions then please feel free to pop and see us.

Many thanks,

Miss Horner and Mrs Richardson

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