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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are very excited to welcome your children to our Year 3 class and are looking forward to getting to know you all.

We get to learn lots of exciting things in Year 3 and will begin our year with the topic: '**Stone Age.**' Your child will get to know our new classroom and routines for Year 3, and as part of this History topic we will be exploring what life was like for people living in the Stone Age, the settlements of Skara Brae, and the theories behind Stonehenge. Please see the Year 3 Topic Web for details of all curriculum areas this term. It also contains vocabulary that we will be using in class. We would encourage children who speak additional languages to talk about the topic and the vocabulary in their home language too, as this is proven to be helpful with understanding in class.

Miss Park teaches Year 3 Monday to Friday with Mrs Halcrow teaching each Tuesday afternoon and Ms Marsden alternate Wednesday afternoons. Our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Gray and Miss Blagoderova, will be supporting our class every day, with Mrs Magill supporting in the mornings during English and reading.

P.E. and Library days

Our P.E. days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit (plain blue or black shorts or PE trousers/leggings, a plain blue or white t-shirt and appropriate trainers for outside PE on Tuesdays). This should be in school all week and may be left on their peg for the term.

The children will visit the school library each Monday afternoon; please can they have their library book in their book bag on a Monday. Children can also return their book any day to our class library box and then visit the library that lunchtime to get a new one.

Violins

In year 3, we have a wonderful opportunity to all learn to play the violin. Mrs Graham, our music teacher, will be teaching us on Thursday mornings. If your child already has a violin at home, it would be super useful for them to bring it in on Thursdays for them to play.

Homework

All homework will be posted on ClassDojo each Friday.

There is an expectation to read daily, ideally still with an adult at home.

A specific maths activity will usually be set on Doodle Maths that relates to learning from that week. However, we love it when the children also complete the '5 a day' doodle maths activities to consolidate learning. Please let us know if your child has any problem with their log in details.

There will also be spellings to complete each week on Spelling Frame. Details for logins will be sent by the end of next week once the children have seen how it works.

Punctuality and Attendance

Doors open at 8.40 am. Children put away their things and settle in, ready for the day. The register is taken at 8.50 am. If you arrive in school after the register has been taken, you will need to take your child to the school office to register them.

Dates

Friday 18 th September	SASA International Evening (A fun evening for all! It is lovely if you can bring a dish of food to share).
Monday 21 st September	Clubs start - these will run for 5 weeks before half term and 5 weeks after half term.
Tuesday 6 th October	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church (10.30am)
Tuesday 13 th October	Parent teacher meetings
Wednesday 14 th October	Parent teacher meetings
Friday 16 th October	History Day - Year 3: Stone Age Day - a chance to dress up and enjoy some different activities linked to our topic.
Monday 19 th - Thursday 22 nd October	Deep Learning week
Friday 23 rd October	INSET Day - no children in school
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October	Half Term break (Children return to school on Monday 2 nd November).

Communication

If you have an urgent message regarding your child, please phone the school office as we cannot always check our messages during the school day. If you have a non-urgent message, please feel free to use ClassDojo and we will endeavour to reply as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo for any upcoming dates or events. It is easier for us to chat or answer questions

after school than in the morning when we are trying to ensure all children have a settled start to the day and feel welcomed by us.

How you can get involved

If you read our topic web and think you have a related specific skill or knowledge-set that could enrich the curriculum for our Year 3 children, then do let us know via *Class Dojo* and we can look into arranging a visit from you to our classroom. Equally, if you have any interesting artifacts or objects that link to our topic that you would not mind your child bringing into school for us to look at and explore, please do let us know.

Best wishes,

Miss Park and the Year 3 team.