

Happy New Year! I hope you had a good Christmas and are looking forward to a prosperous and happy 2017. Firstly, a big thank you for all the Christmas cards and presents, they were very much appreciated.

**Last Term** – We had an excellent term and all the children worked very hard. The Year 3 children have settled in fantastically and the Year 4 children have continued to be excellent role models in both work and play.



This **Spring** term, our topic is **The Stone Age to the Iron Age**. There is a lot to learn in a short amount of time so I am hoping most of the learning will be cross-curricular so we can maximise the amount that the children are going to learn. As with previous topics it will encompass all subjects from English and Science to Geography and PSHE. As always, some subjects (RE, French and most aspects of Maths) will have to be taught separately, to guarantee that all the objectives are covered by the end of Key Stage 2. This term I have organised for Class 3 to partake in quite a few outdoor learning sessions which are specifically linked to their topic. The children will be making shelters, building fires, making weapons, using natural pigments for camouflage and making basic food. I am sure these sessions will be brilliant and the children will gain a lot from them. I will let you know closer to the time when these sessions will be as the children will need to bring into school warm clothing.

**PE** – PE with Mr Colbeck will continue on a **Friday**. An appropriate change of clothing (school PE kit) **must** be worn. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing such as jogging bottoms, jumpers, gloves and light waterproof jackets for any inclement weather.

**Reading** – The children should know when their reading sessions are during the week, although it is detailed in the front of their green Home Book. It is essential your child completes the reading homework, before their session, otherwise they may fall behind or prevent the group from continuing further into the story. Home Books must be brought in everyday, so tasks, spellings and mental maths can be practised.

**Spellings & Mental Maths** – These will continue every Wednesday. It is vital that your child takes time to learn these throughout the 2 weeks, so they become embedded into their maths and English work, this will, in turn, support their overall progress.

### **Dates to remember:**

- First outdoor learning session – January 17<sup>th</sup>
- Assessment week – week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Half term – 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Easter holidays – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April

Thank you for your continued support,

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