

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a well-deserved restful summer break. I am looking forward to welcoming the children back into school and to meeting the newest members of Moonbow Class. You are invited to our Launch Pad on **Friday 3rd September from 1415-1500** to support your child to make an aspirational quote stone.

Curriculum: Our new curriculum topic will be 'Through the Ages'. Our classroom will become a time machine in which we will travel back in time to discover all about changes in Britain during the Bronze Age and Iron Age. This project teaches children about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement. In the Through the Ages project, your child will learn about three different periods of British prehistory: The Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will discover terminology relating to time and sequence dates to make a timeline. They explore the changes to people, homes and lifestyle throughout the different periods and investigate examples of prehistoric settlements, monuments, burials and artefacts in detail. They will also study how technology improved over time, including how the discovery of different metals changed the way that people lived.



Forest School: Forest School will resume every Thursday morning starting on 9th September 2021. Please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate water proof clothing and sturdy walking shoes so that they can fully take part in all activities. A small personal hand sanitizer is also permitted. Please ensure your child's healthy snack is packed inside a recyclable plastic or paper bag on this day to reduce storage. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

PE: PE will continue to take place on Friday afternoons outside. Your child will need to bring a named PE kit of T-shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers/pumps to school on this day each week. Swimming will potentially re-start this term. You will be notified about your child's swimming day and time in the upcoming weeks.

Reading: Guided reading will take place each week. We will be reading 'Iron Man' as our whole class novel. Year 3 will also be reading the novel, Stig of the Dump with attention to developing comprehension skills, 'digging deep' into the text and reading for pleasure. Please continue to read with your child regularly. Your child will be able to change completed reading books when needed as soon as they come into school each day. On-going assessments will be completed and your child will move book colour bands when appropriate.



Supporting your child at Home: Throughout the week, time spent on Doodle Maths, Spelling, English and Times Tables as well as TT Rockstars will support your child in achieving curriculum objectives. In addition, your child will be given times table and any other relevant homework each Tuesday, to be returned to school on the following Monday. Your child will be given a times table challenge each Monday, which will focus on mental recall of the times tables practised at home. To support your child's learning within the half term topic, the 'Homework Take Away' has many suggestions. A homework celebration takes place each Friday, which gives your child a chance to present homework to the class.

Spelling: Due to popular demand, Mrs Norman's 'Spelling Bee' will continue! Each Friday, your child will take part in our fun 'Spelling Bee' game using the words on the common exception word list. We will work our way through the words in alphabetical order. Your child's weekly spelling list will be attached to his/her homework folder.

JIGSAW (RSE – being in my world) As part of our RSE curriculum this term, the children will be learning how to help others feel welcome, making our school community a better place, understanding everyone's right to learn, caring about people's feelings and working well with others. The prime focus will be on establishing class rules and expectations as well as agreeing on and signing a class charter.

If you have any questions or would like to contact me, please send a message on seesaw or catch me at the school gate once the children are dismissed. Here's to an exciting first term!

Kind regards,
Mrs Diaz