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Thursday 6th September 2018

A warm welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 3

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday and that your child is settling back into the school routine. Miss Caglia (3C), Miss Burns (3B) and Miss Glass (3G) would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 3 at Knaphill Junior School. It is a very exciting year and there's so much for the children to look forward to!

This term we will be learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age and we have planned many engaging learning opportunities around this theme. So that you are able to support your child in their learning, please see our topic outline accompanying this letter. We will, wherever possible, make cross-curricular links to make the learning more meaningful to the children. All teachers will be available on Thursday 13th September in the hall to answer any questions you may have about the term ahead. This session will start at 3.30pm and will end at 4.30pm.

Curriculum Books

We would be extremely grateful if you could supply sticky backed plastic to cover all of your child's books and ensure that it is done in order to protect your child's work. Please find your child's Maths, Maths Homework, Science, English, English Homework, Homework Diary, French and Guided Reading books which will need to be covered. Once the children have decorated the front covers of their new Topic Books, we will be sending them home to also be covered with sticky backed plastic.

Whole Class Guided Reading

Following a successful trial in the summer term, across the junior school, we will now be delivering regular whole class Guided Reading sessions. These will enable children of all attainment bands to be immersed in the same high quality literature and discussions. The weekly reading focus will be shared as part of English homework rather than in the children's homework diaries. Every child will read with either the Teacher or Teaching Assistant within a whole class, guided group or individually at least once a week.

Homework Diaries

Now that the children are at the Junior School, we are encouraging the children to be more independent, taking responsibility for their own learning. The children will be expected to use homework diaries to record their homework, spellings and reading. Parents and staff can also add comments to the reading section and message section for teacher/parent communication. We would like you to check the children's homework diaries on a weekly basis and sign to indicate that you have looked at it. Your child should read for at least 10-15 minutes every night and record what they have read in their homework diary. Please remind your child that they need their homework diary in school every day.

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English: This will be handed out on a Monday and should be returned by Wednesday. Spelling lists will be given out on a Tuesday and the children will be tested on them the following Monday. The children should glue these into their homework diaries. We expect children to practise their spellings at home regularly. If your child does not understand the meaning of a word, please encourage them to look it up in a dictionary and to practise using the word in a sentence.

Maths: This will be handed out on a Wednesday, and should be returned by Friday. Every other week, Maths homework will be set on Mathletics, an online resource. All children will receive their log in and password which they should stick into their Homework Diary. We would greatly appreciate your help in assisting your child learn their times tables - there are many ways to make learning these fun – songs, computer games, and flashcards for example.

Topic: In order to promote more responsibility for their own learning, the children will be given an exciting Stone Age project to complete over the course of the term. All details and instructions will be included when they receive their task sheet and the different activities will be explained clearly to them at school. A copy will also be put under the Year 3 page on our school website.

PE Kits and Stationery

Your children will need P.E kits in schools on the following days:

- 3C:** Every Monday and Friday.
- 3B:** Every Tuesday and Wednesday.
- 3G:** Every Tuesday and Wednesday.

It would be extremely beneficial if these could be fully labelled so that any lost property can be quickly returned to its owner. This would also be useful in regards to stationery that the children bring to class in their pencil cases. We will provide your child with a handwriting pen once they have achieved their pen licence. We kindly ask that children's pencil cases have the following items:

- Glue Stick
- Colouring Pencils
- HB Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Calculator
- Dictionary and Thesaurus

Reading

Should you wish to share some Stone Age themed books with your child, below is a recommended book list for our topic:

Fiction:

- Ug – Raymond Briggs
- Stig of the Dump – Clive King
- How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth – Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley
- The Boy with the Bronze Axe – Kathleen Fidler
- Cave Baby – Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett
- Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver



Non-fiction:

- The Secrets of Stonehenge - Mick Manning and Brita Granström
- Who Were the First People? - Phil Roxbee Cox
- The History Detective Investigates: Stone Age to Iron Age – Clare Hibbert
- The Savage Stone Age – Terry Deary
- The Stone Age News – Fiona Macdonald
- Life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age – Anita Ganeri

In English, we will be reading 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper and 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. It would be very helpful if you could please buy a copy of each book for your child to use in Guided Reading and English.

Key Dates

During the course of the term, there are some important key dates which link to our new topic:

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| • Parents' Evening | Tuesday 16 th October (3.30pm - 6pm) |
| • Parents' Evening | Thursday 18 th October (5pm - 8pm) |
| • Butser Ancient Farm Trip | Wednesday 7 th November |
| • Stone Age Dress Up Day | Wednesday 14 th November |
| • 3C Class Assembly | Friday 30 th November |
| • Year 3 Elf Day | Friday 7 th December 2018 |

Using feedback from parents, each class will have one class assembly this year. Please note that all class assembly dates for 2018- 2019 can be viewed on the school calendar on the school's website.

If you have any queries throughout the school year, a member of the Year 3 Team will be on the school gates every day after school. You can also send messages to us via your child's homework diary or by personal letter. Should you have anything you wish to discuss, which would require a more lengthy discussion, then please do not hesitate to book an appointment through the office to see your child's class teacher. This will ensure that a mutually convenient time can be arranged.

We are all very much looking forward to a full and fruitful term and we thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Caglia
(Year Leader)

Miss Burns

Miss Glass

