



Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

## Happy New Year Oak Class!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school, the start of the spring term!

This half term our topic is 'Set in Stone.' We will be learning all about life in the Stone Age: tools, hunter gathers and cave art. Our Science topic is all about rocks and we will be having a go at making our own Stone Age bread in D&T! Look out for the 'Topic Web' which will have more information.

Oak Class have had a super first term and the KS2 routine is now embedded. Thank you for all your support at home with reading, spellings, times tables and homework. I am impressed with the effort and time children are putting into their homework tasks. 😊

### Reading

Reading is taught in many ways at school through individual reading, guided reading and focussing on texts in English lessons. We try our very best to hear your child read individually with us once a week and use this opportunity to check their reading diary and book.

The new 'Accelerated Reader' system is underway. After each book is read, children complete a quiz on a laptop, asking them a range of questions to check their understanding of the story.



At home please continue to read with your child as often as possible, talk to them about the story and pictures, and get them to tell you the story in their own words. They will then be confident to take the quiz and will move up through the new stages.

### **Home Learning**

Your child will have a Stone Age 'homework web' stuck into their blue Homework Book. Children will need to choose one task to do each week and complete all five pieces by the end of the half term. Children can choose the order of the tasks. Homework will be handed out on a **Thursday** and is expected in on a **Tuesday**.

A spelling list will be sent home on **Tuesday** and there will be a spelling test the following Tuesday. We check times tables progress on a **Thursday** using 'times table rock star' tests. To help your child, please practise spellings and times tables at home as much as possible.

### **PE and Learning Outside the Classroom**

Oak Class will have their indoor PE sessions on Tuesdays and outdoor PE sessions on Fridays. Please ensure your child has a named outdoor PE kit for the chilly weather (including jogging / tracksuit bottoms, trainers, spare socks and sweatshirt). Children will also need to have their learning outside kit with them in school (wellies and waterproofs).

Children can leave their PE and LOTC kits on their pegs during the week.

I am looking forward to an exciting half term ahead with lots of new learning taking place! As always, please ask me if you have any questions or wish to discuss something about your child. Feel free to come and talk to me at pick up time.

Many thanks,

Miss D Ware

Year 3 Class Teacher