



Welcome back everyone! The Year Three Team would like to welcome all pupils and parents back to a new school year! One of our priorities at White Hall Academy is to develop the children's independent learning skills and self-confidence so they can become life-long learners. This term our topic is 'The Stone Age' Children will be exploring what life was like and how it changed over the period we know as the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They will use a range of historical sources to investigate life.

**Maths** - This term, children will be encouraged to develop their 'mental maths' skills: learning number bonds and becoming more fluent with recognising place value, maths is all around us in everyday life. Please help your child by reading the time, counting money and calculating change.

**English** - There will be a focus on developing our spelling, grammar and punctuation skills in Year 3. We will begin by writing non-chronological reports and then move on to writing the stories. We will continue with some phonics activities. You can help at home by reading daily and asking the questions about the books.

**Reading** - Reading is a vital skill for learning. The best readers are those that read outside of school and talk about what they have read. We will be focusing on learning and understanding new vocabulary, finding information within a text and simple inference skills. We expect children to read at home at least three times a week and record this in their reading logs. Please make sure your child has their book in school every day with a book bag. To support your child, it is good to read a range of genres including newspapers, magazines, websites, annuals and manuals, cookbooks etc.

**Other subjects** – Our science for this half term is 'Fossils and soils'. We will be identifying different soils and we will conduct simple experiments. We will also be learning about Judaism in RE and discussing families and relationships in PSHE. The children will also start learning French in Year 3. During art sessions we will be looking at colour, shape, form and painting skills.

**'Learning to Learn'** - We are continuing to promote Growth Mindset skills which help us to learn: determination, effort and never giving up! Children will also develop their reflection skills. This is where the children will be taught to look at the work they have done and think about how they could make it even better next time.

**Snacks and water bottles** – Children in year 3 can bring a healthy snack to school to eat at break time. Please bring a named water bottle to school every day.

**PE** – Year 3 will be doing PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that earrings are removed on PE days and that your child is wearing the correct PE kit.

Thank you for your continued support.

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