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AUTUMN TERM 2026 – YEARS 3 AND 4

Sticks, Stones and Bones

Welcome to Years 3 and 4!

We hope you all had an enjoyable Summer break and that you found our Welcome evening helpful. We are sending you an electronic copy of the welcome pack, containing some information about our Maths and English. These have ideas and terminology we use in school, which will be familiar to the children.

We are so pleased to see all the children back looking so smart in their uniform and feeling so enthusiastic about their new classes. They have all settled in so well already. We welcome Mr Long, who is new to our team and teaches in Brazil class.



Our topic this term is **Stick, Stones and Bones** in which we will be learning about life in prehistoric Britain. We have arranged for lots of exciting activities to support the work in which children will be engaged, including special visitors to our school and a WOW day. More details about these events will be sent to you in a separate letter.

If you have any topic related resources which might interest the children, we would be grateful if you could let them be brought into school to show. We will take the utmost care of them! Equally, should you have any knowledge in the field of Prehistoric Britain, then get in touch as we would love to hear from you.

PE

As mentioned in the Welcome evening talk, children will be able to come to school in their PE kits on PE days.



Please ensure the children have the correct PE uniform as well as appropriate footwear for these days. Our PE uniform includes: a coloured house T-shirt, plain navy blue joggers, leggings or shorts, white/blue/grey socks and either a school jumper/hoodie or fleece as well as any appropriate footwear (not colour dependent). Earrings should be removed for PE and Games or should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. All children will be expected to participate in sessions unless a note has been provided by a parent or carer explaining exclusion.

PE DAYS

The children will continue to benefit from the wide range of sports opportunities provided to them this term. The days that your child needs to wear their PE kits to school are as follows:

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| • Brazil (Mr Long) | Tuesday & Wednesday |
| • Ecuador (Mr Hughes) | Wednesday & Friday |
| • France Class (Mrs Stringer) | Wednesday & Thursday |



HOMEWORK

Children have a weekly maths homework as well as a fortnightly topic activity to complete. The topic activities sheet, along with their due dates is in their topic homework books (purple book). These activities may be completed in any order. The majority of topic homework tasks should take **no longer than 40 minutes**. For Maths, children are set a short revision task on Sumdog, weekly. Once completed, any remaining time should be spent on TTRockstars in order to boost their recall of times table facts. Maths homework should **take up to 30 minutes**. It is **fine to stop after these times** if your child is struggling to complete the tasks. We do appreciate your support with your child's work at home. We have a homework club available to children in Year 3/4 on Monday lunchtimes, which the children can attend to help them with their homework.



SPELLINGS



Instead of weekly lists, your child will be given a grid containing all of their term's spellings. The spelling list also tells the children their spelling group. This year, each teacher will be responsible for a specific spelling group: Mrs Stringer (Group 1); Mr Long (Group 2); Mr Hughes (Group 3); Mrs Claridge/Miss Cutts (Group 4).

We ask that the list of words is put in a prominent place at home where they can refer to it on a weekly basis. Every Monday morning, they will be given their list of words for the week from which a range of spelling activities will be set. We have ensured that the activities are engaging in order to help the children learn their words. We would be grateful if your child can be in class from 8:45am to take advantage of this.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy life styles, we would like to remind you that your children should be provided with a healthy packed lunch if they do not have hot school meals. If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks. Please do not send your child to school with **nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts** and **sesame** as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.



WATER BOTTLES



Your child should be encouraged to bring a clear named plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class, these should not be used for squash or fruit juice. No 'Prime Bottles' are permitted. Children are encouraged to fill these up at the start of the day and during break and lunchtimes.

COMMUNICATION

Should you need to get in touch with us, send us an email or talk to us at the end of the day when collecting your child/children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Stringer, Mr Hughes and Mr Long