

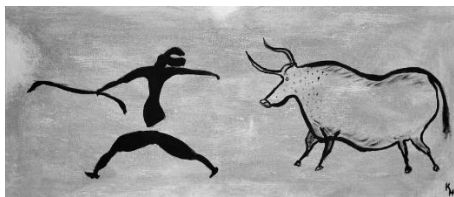
Hazel Class Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Bartons, after our summer break. We hope you all had a lovely time with families and friends and are ready for the year ahead. It is exciting to be back with this class and continuing their journey with them. I am getting to know new faces too. We are taking our time to settle back into new routines with additional rules for the classroom to keep everyone safe, happy and ready to learn.

We have an exciting start to the year planned, with the introduction to our topic Stone Age to Iron Age. Our Science work focuses on light. We will be thinking about shadows, sources of light and the effects of the absence of light linking this to life in caves and homes in the past.



English

We will be developing our knowledge of grammar, punctuation and spelling further this year, through our writing on our varied topics. We will also be working on improving our handwriting to ensure it is always neat and clear. Spelling will also continue to be a priority and will build on children's prior knowledge of common words as well as spelling patterns, using phonics and developing our knowledge of word families.

Reading remains an important area and we welcome your support in reading daily at home with your child. It is really helpful to us if you record when you hear your child read in their reading journal. Please encourage them to ask and answer questions as they read their books.



Maths

We will continue to develop our maths skills through the Numicon approach. Several new concepts will be introduced this year as well as consolidating number work from previous years. Please continue to support your child's maths by learning times tables and number facts; using these in everyday life where you can. You will already have a login to a site called Times Table Rockstars. Here your child can build their fluency and speed with tables in a fun way at home. We will be learning tables in school so that children will gain a deeper understanding of the number patterns and relationships in tables.

Homework

Reading, spellings, times tables and learning number facts will continue to be very important aspects of the support you can give your child in their learning.

We will be using the Seesaw program for homework (as we did during lockdown) and children will be required to respond to this each week. Homework will vary over the term and will require your child to have access to a computer/tablet. If this is a problem please see Mrs Reynolds.

PE this year

Our PE sessions are timetabled for Tuesdays and Thursdays this year. Please wear full PE kits to school to avoid the need to change at this time. Please remove earrings and tie up long hair on these days. Children will require P.E. plimsolls or trainers as we will be doing lessons outside as much as possible.

Looking Forward

I hope to organise several educational visits to support our learning this year, once we know if coaches and venues are operating fully again.

If you wish to discuss anything regarding how your child is settling into Year 3 before you receive an initial report in October, please make an appointment to speak to me on the phone via the office.

Mrs Terry and I are looking forward to an exciting, happy and interesting year with Hazel Class and hope your child settles quickly back into learning at school with their friends.

Best wishes. *Mrs Reynolds*