



Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents

Miss Jenkins and Miss Reynolds welcome you and your children to Year 3. Together with the support of Mrs. Scamp, Mrs Ellis, Mrs Davies and Miss Thornton, we are looking forward to a successful year, full of hard work and smiles.

Topics for the Year

Terms 1 and 2: The Stone Age and The Bronze Age, rocks and settlements.

Terms 3 and 4: Iron Age, Mountains and Roman Culture.

Terms 5 and 6: The Romans' rise to and fall from power and a study of Italy.

PE

Your child will have an outdoor Games lesson and a PE/Hall session each week this term. Mrs Small will be taking 3R for outdoor games this term. The sessions will be as follows:

- **Outdoor games: Thursday afternoon**
- **Indoor games: Friday morning**

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in a suitable bag and that each item is labelled clearly with their full name and class. Please remember that your child will need the new navy Davington P.E kit in order to participate in lessons. Plain navy joggers and a school jumper will be allowed for winter. Your child will also need a pair of trainers for outside Games sessions. In Year 3 we do not swim in the first term, only in term 6. If your child has long hair, please ensure that they have their hair tied back on P.E days and that earrings are removed.

Volunteer Readers

Reading is such an important aspect of learning and we would really value your support in this. If you are able to give up even just an hour of your week whenever is convenient for you to come and read with our children we would be incredibly grateful and hopefully you would enjoy the experience too. This could even be simply coming into school at 2:15 instead of 3:15 and reading with children for that hour. Please visit the school office if you are interested.

Water

It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day. In order to do this, children need a named water bottle that they can use during the day. These can be bought in the school office. Please ensure your child brings water not squash.



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Homework

Reading

We ask the children to bring their reading book and reading record to school each day. **All children need to read for 10 minutes every day with an adult.** You can support your child further in their reading by asking them questions about their book e.g. 'What do you think will happen next?' If you need any help moving your child on with their reading, please come and see us so we can offer support. They will earn reading rewards for reading three times a week which must be signed by an adult.

Spelling

All children will receive spellings to learn on a Wednesday. These will be linked to our spelling work in class and written on a spelling sheet. **They will practise their spellings in the morning in class and then take them home to practise in the evening with your support.** Please remind your child to bring their spelling sheet in each day. Spelling tests will be taken on Mondays. Little and often is the best way to approach learning new spellings. Five to ten minutes every night works better than trying to learn them in one go.

Homework books

As in year 2, children will be asked to complete a weekly task in their homework book. We try to link these tasks to the work we have done in class and will set activities that allow you to work with your child. Please let your child take the lead in this. We would like the end product to be your child's work so we can celebrate what they have achieved. Feel free to record in the book however your child wishes (photos, pictures, writing etc). Homework is set on Wednesday and due back on Monday (as are the spellings). **We will also be setting a project for this term. The task will be to design and make a Stone Age scene which might include a cave/hut, cave paintings, berries, Stone Age animals, clothes and weapons. This project will be due on Monday 15th October 2018.**

Break Time Snacks

Key Stage Two children can bring in 20p for a Fruit token from our Fruit Café. Fruit tokens can be bought on the school gate each morning. Alternatively, children can bring their own fruit which can be kept in class until break time. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for advice on snacks for the children as we promote healthy eating within our school.

If you have any questions, concerns or good news to share about your child, please feel welcome to see us before school or on the playground.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jenkins and Miss Reynolds
Year 3 Class Teachers

Science

Rocks – compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and physical properties.

Describe how fossils are made.

Investigate soils and what they are made up of.

Investigate rocks in our local environment.

Religious Education

Christianity: marking and celebrating special moments such as baptism.

Thinking about our own beliefs and what it means to belong to a current and historical community.

Geography

Physical and human geography including settlements.
Focussing on mountains and volcanoes.

Languages

Numbers 1-10 and the days of the week in French.

Learning the names of the colours and fruits.

History

Changes in Britain in the Stone Age and Bronze Age, focussing on homes, food, trading and cave paintings.

Computing

Use the internet safely including the use of search engines.

Introducing algorithms, debugging and other programming skills.

A revision of word processing.

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Music

Play and perform in solo and ensemble using the recorder.

A study of Music through the decades (1940s to 1990s).

Design Technology

Weaving

Constructing Stone Age homes from clay

Making Stone Age rocks

PSHE

Health and wellbeing: hygiene and healthy eating.

Art and Design

Sketch book and drawing skills and the use of watercolours.

Creating pictures using wax resist.

Cave paintings and early forms of art.

PE

Netball adapted game focussing on net and ball skills.

Dance linked with our topic of the Stone Age.

Floor and rhythmic gymnastics.

