



Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents

Ms. Preston, Miss Reynolds and Mrs Cunningham welcome you and your children to Year 3. Together with the support of Mrs. Russell and Mrs Ellis, 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. Mr Haines will be taking 3P for outdoor games this year. The sessions will be as follows:

- **Outdoor games: Tuesday 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 just an hour of your week, to come and read with our children, we would be incredibly grateful. 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 come and speak to us 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 and put in their tray. **All children need to read for 10 minutes every day with an adult if possible.** Children who have read at least three times in one week will be given a sticker on a chart. Once the children have six stickers, they are awarded their Bronze reading award and bookmark, moving towards a silver and gold award.

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 would also like the children to create a shoebox project 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 Friday 8th November 2019.**

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 Reynolds, Ms Preston and Mrs Cunningham
Year 3 Class Teachers

