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LSAs: Mrs Hall, Mrs Ruth Mrs Stockdale and Miss Berry

We are all so proud of how well the Year 3 children have settled into the Junior School. It was lovely to have the opportunity to discuss the progress that has been made so far at parent's evening, please remember that our doors are always open should anything else arise that you would like to discuss with us.

The bus trip around Basingstoke was very successful!

Thank you to all the parents who were able to support us by coming on the trip with us.

The children achieved some amazing learning last half term and we cannot wait to see what they achieve in the rest of this term. We have a wide range of curriculum opportunities this half term and have planned in lots of creative learning.

Please remember we are always on the lookout for parent helpers to hear readers etc. as well as any relevant expertise you may have to support learning.

Finally we look forward to inviting you to our Christmas performance on the 11th December.

Main topics and learning this half term:

Science

History

D.T.

In our History topic this half term we are looking at The Stone Age during this topic the children will have the opportunities use a range historical research skills to deepen their understanding of this period. I am now already organising the Year Three trip to Butser Ancient Farm in the spring term. This will allow the children to investigate the Bronze Age the historical period after the Stone Age so they are able to draw comparisons.

In Science we have started to investigate Magnets and the associated Forces. We have introduced the vocabulary of Attract and Repel and we are starting to think about their practical uses.

We are exploring the question "How can we be a good friend?" in PSHE. The children began their learning by creating a friendship soup as they reflected on the qualities of a positive friendship.

Our DT topic this term will be drawing on our measurement learning in maths as the children will design and make wooden photo frames. We are really excited to see their creativity shine through in this project.

The Year Three team are also really looking forward to tackling The six weeks Stone Age dance module.



How you can support your child's learning at home:

- Reading is fundamental to your child's further learning so please listen to your child read and discuss the texts they are reading on a regular basis regardless of their ability.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will always be useful and will prepare them for the National Times Table check in Year 4. This term we are focussing on 2, 5 and 10 x tables. Please make sure that your child is making use of their Times Tables Rock Stars log in. There are certificates each week for the children to try and earn.

Homework

Homework takes the form of learning conversations. You will find a topic of conversation related to your child's learning in their home-link book for each day of the week. We would love to hear how your conversations have gone so please make a note in the comments section in the home-link book. Spellings and times tables are sent home each week in this book too.

A few reminders:

- **PE will take place on Wednesday and Friday until the end of term.**
- Our School Library time is on a Thursday afternoon. This is the children's chance to change their library books so please help us by reminding the children to bring their books back. If they have finished their reading book before their designated library time, please let us know and we can arrange for them to exchange it for a new one.
- Spellings are tested on Fridays and new spellings are given out on the Friday too. Times tables are also tested on a Friday.
- Y3 Christmas Concert Monday 11th December
- Christmas lunch Wednesday 12th December