

*"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."*  
(Matthew: 17 v20)

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year in Maple Class! I am very pleased to be back at school and working with your children this year. I hope you have all had a restful break, enjoying the occasional lovely weather and that the children are looking forward to a new year of learning.

**Topic** This term our topic is the Stone Age, which we will be exploring in both our history and literacy lessons. We are going to begin by learning about what life would have been like in the Stone Age and explore how we know about the Stone Age today. We are going to be discovering the mysteries of Stonehenge and then progressing on to look at how life changed throughout the Bronze Age and Iron Age. In literacy, we are going to be reading the Stone Age Boy and How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth. This will lead us on to exploring narratives and instructional texts.

**Maths** In Maths this term we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction. Year 2 will be working with two-digit numbers and Year 3 will be progressing on to working with three-digit numbers, as well as embedding their 2's, 5's and 10 times tables and beyond!

**Science** In Science our theme is Animals' Needs for Survival, where we will be identifying and grouping animals, exploring how their needs for survival are similar and differ and how we can look after animal habitats.

**RE** Our big question for RE this term is 'Who made the world?'. Within this topic, we will be exploring the Christian creation story and looking at pictorial representation of the seven days of creation and creating our own pictures. We will also be thinking about what Christians are grateful for and how we can look after the world.

**Art** The focus for our Art lessons this term is charcoal. We are going to be experimenting using charcoal in different ways to create Stone Age artwork. Our final project at the end of the term will be to create a Stone Age cave with charcoal drawings inside so please could I ask for shoe box donations for the children to transform into caves.

#### **Practical Information:**

**PE Days** - Our PE day is **Wednesday**. This term, children should come to school in their **PE kit on a Wednesday**. They should wear PE shorts and their house PE shirt. Should the weather be cooler, they can wear plain joggers and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE lessons.

**Forest School** – We have Forest School on **Tuesday afternoon**. All the class will be going outside during these sessions, Mr Chidwick and I will be with them and we will start our session with OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) before our Forest School activities.

**Reading** - Reading books are sent home every day and they need to be brought to school, with your child's Reading Record, signed, each day. Please do listen to your child read as much as you can, this really helps them to develop their reading skills.

**Spellings** – We will be sending out our spellings for the term on the first day back to help with practice at home. They have been broken down into weekly spelling lists and an informal spelling test will be carried out in class each Friday morning to consolidate the learning from that week.

I am really forward to the new year. I have loved hearing all about what fantastic summer holidays the children have all had. If you need to make contact, please do so via the school office. Thank you!

Regards

Mrs Smith