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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3,

Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2024 1st Half

We are delighted to welcome your children into Year 3; they have settled in really well and we are looking forward to the half term ahead.

Reading:

Please read with your child on a daily basis and make an entry in their reading diary. As children will be following Accelerated Reader, book bags and reading diaries should be brought in every day. Children are expected to read for at least 20 minutes per day.

The class guided reading text for the first half of the Autumn term will be 'The Secrets of Stone Henge' by Mick Manning. This links to the work we will be doing in our history topic of 'What was life like in the Stone Age, Iron Age and the Bronze Age and how did it change?' To support our learning, we will also be visiting Flag Fen in Peterborough on Tuesday 8th October. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this shortly.

Spellings:

Over this half term we will review suffixes from Year 2 (e.g. 'ed', 'es' and 's' endings) and the prefixes 'un' and 'dis'. We will also be looking at homophones (e.g. to, two, too), spellings with the ay sound spelt 'ei' and words from the statutory word list.

Maths:

We will be focusing on the 3 times tables this half term. In order to support them, children have been given login details to allow them access to Times Tables Rockstars at home, using the website:

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/29424>

PE:

Our PE lesson days are on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Children should come to school dressed suitably for a session of physical activity on those days. The Monday session will be outdoors, so your child will need to wear **trainers/plimsolls**. Children will also need to remove earrings for PE and long hair must be tied back. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it.

General reminders:

- Bring in a clear plastic water bottle daily - this can be refilled at school.
- We like to keep the school well-ventilated, so layers of clothing will be useful as the weather becomes cooler.
- It is useful to have a pair of named wellies which can be left in school, as this means we can make full use of our school field and the forest area, even when the weather is a bit wet.

Please do remember that we are available briefly at the end of the day should you need to speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 3 teachers