

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

We hope that you managed to enjoy the Christmas break during these unprecedented times and wish you a Happy New Year!

The Year 3 topic of learning for the first half of the term is 'We are Cavemen' and the second half is called 'We are Celts'. Our learning for this half term is outlined on the A4 topic overview sheet, which gives further details of our Stone Age and Iron Age theme. For the first three weeks of term, we will be basing our descriptive writing on 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. As part of our unit, to inspire the children, we plan to watch clips of both the film and the BBC TV series from the 1980s. As the film is rated a PG, please do let your class teacher know if you have any concerns regarding this.

Home learning will continue the same as the Autumn term. Please can we ask that children continue to read regularly to work towards their bronze, silver, gold and platinum reading certificates. We plan to take in reading books and reading records on a ~~Friday~~, quarantine them over the weekend and then send home a number of books that we feel will be appropriate for your child. Please bear with us as we try to do the best that we can while adhering to government guidelines. Please also remember that books are available online through Bug Club.

Children will continue to need their PE kit in school. Your child needs to have black shorts, a green school PE shirt and a pair of trainers. Tracksuits, gloves, hats etc. may be worn for outdoor use in cold weather. We are very lucky to have Exeter Chiefs coming in on Mondays to teach the children tag rugby. They plan to use the field and so it is likely that PE kits will get muddy and damp! If they get too mucky, we will send them home with the children and ask that you could please wash them and send them back in ready for the next session. Can we also ask that you provide your child with a carrier bag for dirty kit.

Due to the need to keep classrooms well ventilated in the interest of COVID safety, windows and doors in classrooms will be kept ajar to allow air flow. Could you please make sure that your child has a jumper and coat in school and wears any other layers under their uniform as you see fit.

Year 3 children will continue to come to school at 8:40am but we are now asking children to come straight into class, rather than line up outside. Please could Beech class enter through the main entrance to the Year 3 building, Willow class enter through the outside classroom door and Sycamore class enter by walking around the building on the left hand side by the field and using the outside classroom door.

Thank you for your continued support in these strange times. As a Year 3 team, our main aim is to try to make your child feel happy and secure in school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. On the class email address:

Beech – [beech@wrpschool.org](mailto:beech@wrpschool.org)

Willow - [willow@wrpschool.org](mailto:willow@wrpschool.org)

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Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team