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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to Key Stage Two! We hope that you have all had a great summer and it is so lovely to be back with the lovely Woodpeckers! After such a strange year and incredibly strange time for us all, please rest assured, the children are already settling into the routines of Year 3.

We will be having a heavy focus on emotional wellbeing, resilience and nurture as we start on our 'recovery' curriculum and Year 3 expectations.

You have received the overview of the work that your child will be covering this term. Our History topic will be all about the Stone Age to the Bronze Age an exciting topic that we are sure will captivate the children's interest. If you have any artefacts or resources that you think would be of use for this theme, please let us know. If you have any artefacts or resources that you think would be of use for this topic, please let me know. We will be unable to accept these into school in the current climate but they could perhaps be shared via Class Dojo.

This week we have been discussing what the children already know and what they would like to know about The Stone Age. We will use a variety of sources supported by ICT to research and find out about different aspects of life in those times. They will make Stone Age jewellery, paint and investigate their own Stonehenge. In Science we are learning all about different types of rocks.

As you are all aware we are continually revising our procedures to ensure we are operating as safely as we can be in the current environment. As part of these revisions we are amending our routines for home spellings, reading and homework:

Home Spellings

We will send out the spellings in a PDF grid to your child's Dojo portfolio. This will happen on a Friday with a test of these spellings in class the following Friday. (We will also work on these in class during the week before the test.) Some of the spellings we focus on are over two weeks. We may sometimes send a set of High Frequency words in between.

Reading Diaries

We do need to see Reading Diaries so that we can support you and your child with their home reading journey and therefore we will collect reading diaries in once a fortnight on a Friday and will check them the following Monday. This will mean you will have one weekend each fortnight without a diary at home but we are happy for you to up-date the diary with any weekend reads when it is returned to you on the Monday. This will commence Friday 18th September. Actual reading books will continue to be changed as needed. (Please be assured that these books are "quarantined" on their return to school.)

Homework books

We will continue to collect these books in on Monday and will leave them 48 hours before checking them and making comments on the work completed. Books will then be sent home again on the Wednesday.

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If you would like to celebrate your child's home activities in between books being looked at by ourselves then please feel free to post a photo on your child's dojo portfolio.

PE/Forest School

This term we will be having our Forest School session on a Wednesday with a further outdoor PE session on another day. Please ensure your child has the right kit in school for these activities.

Please do contact the school or message us via Dojo if you have any questions or queries.

Kindest regards,

The Year 3 Woodpecker Team;
Mrs Williams, Mrs Bates, Mrs Singer and Mrs Fernando.
Year 4 (Kingfishers) Class Teachers

