

18th May 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

It has been fantastic to see Year 3 all back in school together again, showing such curiosity in all of their learning.

### Literacy

This term, the children will continue to study a **range of genres**. We have covered **story writing** based on 'The Dot'. The main focus was on developing confidence which has been very successful especially after returning from lockdown. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and embraced the writing challenges. We are now focusing on writing **information texts** and **leaflets** that are linked to our topic about **Predators and Plants**. After half term, we will focus on '**The Stone Age Boy**' which allows for more great writing opportunities. In addition to this, we teach '**Super Skills**' sessions daily which focuses on **spellings, grammar and handwriting**. We are now really encouraging **clear joined handwriting** so any practise of this at home will be beneficial for your child. Please support your child by helping them learn their **spellings** - especially the statutory ones that are uploaded to the class seesaw page.

### Accelerated Reader

Can I remind you that you can see how well your child is doing with their quizzing by logging onto Renaissance Home Connect. Ask your child for their log in details. Certificates celebrating the amount of words read have proven to be a big incentive to encourage children to read more.

### Mathematics

In Maths, we continue to put a strong emphasis on **reasoning and learning through problem solving and investigations**. The children are working really hard on learning their timestables and have really surprised me on how well they have retained them. Keep learning **3x, 4x and 8x tables**. It is so important as they enter Year 4 that they have this knowledge.

### Science/History

In **science**, we are looking at **Predators and Plants**, which the children have shown a huge amount of curiosity and knowledge so far. After half term the emphasis will be on a History topic by looking at the **stone age to iron age**.

### PE

PE will continue on a Thursday afternoon this term. Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor PE kit in school each day, as PE timetables may change - especially in the Summer Term. We are also aiming to run some sort of **Sports Day** in school and attend some **festivals/competitions** all being well.

### Preview learning homework

This term, homework will continue to be set as a pre-learning activity. Please continue to support your child with the tasks that they bring home, as it enables them to pursue a more interesting line of enquiry.

Should you need to talk to me you can either catch me at school or contact me by email. My email address is: [cjones@highweekprimary.co.uk](mailto:cjones@highweekprimary.co.uk).

Kind Regards

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