

Swallowfield Lower School

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Tuesday 5th September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope that you had a restful summer holiday and that the children are looking forward to the new school year.

Our topic this term will be 'The Stone Age'. An overview of the topic is attached to this letter and also available on the school website. In our experience the children have enjoyed this topic and found it to be an interesting and exciting learning experience. We hope the children will be as enthusiastic about it as we are!

There are new Learning Log Tasks to support the children's learning and we would encourage them to do any extra research at home, including searching the internet or using reference books from the library. If there are any resources which the children have at home, we would love to share these in class. Learning logs should be returned to school on a **Thursday** to be marked and ready to be sent out on Friday. Homework will commence this week.

This year the children will continue to receive weekly spellings which will be sent home on a **Monday**. Over the week we will also be spending time in class each day looking at these spellings in preparation for testing on a **Friday**, though we do still encourage children to practise them at home as well.

We hope to start home-school library again next week. Please ensure book bags are in school on a **Tuesday**. To encourage further independence the children will begin to check out their own books.

P.E. days are **Tuesday a.m. for Y3H** and **Wednesday a.m. for Y3D**. We would like to remind you that children are not allowed to wear earrings during P.E. We are also lucky enough to be continuing with Tennis on **Wednesday afternoons**, which means the children will be doing at least one session of outdoor P.E. per week. Therefore, can you please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor P.E. kits. We ask that they bring their P.E. kits into school on a Monday so they are available throughout the week as changes to the timetable may occur from time to time.

We will endeavour to swim on **Thursday afternoons** weather permitting. If you are able to help with swimming sessions, please contact the office.

We are looking forward to a very exciting and successful year. We look forward to seeing you at our Year 3 parents meeting on **Tuesday 19th September at 9:00am**. Of course, should you wish to speak to us at any time, please make an appointment through the office. We are always available to discuss any concerns or queries you may have.

Kind regards

Ms Doherty and Miss Howe

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