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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I wanted to say thank you for the warm welcome I have received from Foxes children and parents. I am so impressed with how well the children have settled back into school after such a long time away and I look forward to seeing how well they flourish throughout the year.

### **Topic – Stone Age to Iron Age**

Our topic for Autumn term is The Stone Age to Iron Age. We will be exploring time, the evolution of man, how the Stone Age survived (homes, weapons, clothing, hunting) and ultimately answering the question why did they begin to farm? After October half term we will begin to look at the key changes, similarities and differences through The Bronze and Iron Age.

Cross curricular links will develop through our science lessons where we will be exploring different rocks and fossils. We will be taking part in practical experiments, testing the strength of rocks and understanding why certain rocks would have been better suited for The Stone Age. Similarly, we will be using a range of exciting texts that explore these eras within our English lessons.

### **Reading**

Over the next few weeks, the children will be taking part in reading assessments to allow me to understand where they may need extra support, guidance and scaffolding. I will also aim to read with all children at least once a week so I can make sure their book is suitable for them. In return, I would ask that children aim to read at least three times a week for a minimum of ten minutes. Each child has been given a reading record where comments from parents and pupils should be recorded. Please ensure your child reads not only independently, but aloud with you, so you can discuss what they are reading with them.

Due to current circumstances, the children have taken a book home to read as well as keeping one for reading during the school day. Please could I ask that these books are returned promptly when they are finished as they must be quarantined for 72 hours before being allowed back on the book shelf.

Our current class reader is 'The Wild Way Home' by Sophie Kirtley.

### **Homework**

Starting the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September, the children will be set spelling homework on Wednesdays. This must be completed and returned to school by the following Monday. Similarly, I will be setting tasks on My Maths for the children to complete weekly. Instead of multiplication booklets this year, we are encouraging children to regularly revise their times table knowledge on 'Times Table Rock Stars'. If you are unsure of your child's login, I have attached their My Maths and TT Rock Stars logins to the back of their reading records. The children will regularly revise and learn new times table facts this year. Our focus initially will be on revising our 2, 5 and 10 times tables before moving onto 3, 4 and 8s.

### Timetable

I will be in school every day. On a Monday morning my planning time will be covered by Miss Parris and on a Tuesday afternoon by Mrs Cole who will be teaching R.E. and Mrs Sinclair who will be taking the class for PE.

### PE

This term P.E. is on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Please remember that children will need to come to school in their P.E. kit. This should comprise of a green t-shirt and white shorts (or grey/black tracksuit bottoms for colder days). Especially for this term, all P.E. lessons will be outside (subject to weather). If the weather is only drizzly, we still aim to get outside. With this in mind, please ensure the children have a thin, waterproof jacket in case of wet weather. No jewellery is allowed to be worn for P.E. lessons so please ensure that earrings are taken out or covered before coming into school.

### Snacks and Water bottles

The children are encouraged to bring a snack to eat at break time. This should be a healthy snack, fruit, vegetables, savoury biscuits or healthy cereal bars. Chocolate and sugary snacks are not allowed. Please also ensure all children bring into school a labelled water bottle as it is important that they can access water throughout the school day.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding your child. Although face to face meetings cannot currently take place, I am always available through email or we can arrange a good time for a phone call.

Yours sincerely,

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