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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting and very important time in your child's education. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some key information for the forthcoming term.

Our topic question for the first half term is 'Who first lived in Britain?', where we will be learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. After half term our topic question is 'Why are the World's cities located near rivers?' In Science we will be learning about Rocks before half term and Forces and Magnets after half term. We will be selecting a learning champion each week for those children showing an excellent attitude towards their learning so look out for your child wearing a champions badge this half term!

Homework this year will be set on a Thursday and is to be handed in by the following Tuesday. Each week there will be a spelling task which needs completing in homework books. Children are expected to use 'Times Tables Rock Stars' every week to practise their times tables for a minimum of 15 minutes per week. More information and log in details for 'Times Tables Rock Stars' will follow. In addition to this, the children are required to read at least three times a week at home. Each time your child reads, **please can it be signed by an adult**, and this will be checked every Monday. We have a reading raffle every other week where the children are in with a chance of winning a brand new book to take home!

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Doors are open from 8:35 and close promptly at 8:45. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are late for registration will have to make up the minutes lost at break time or lunchtime.

As always, we expect our children to adhere to the uniform policy at all times. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for all aspects of school including PE. This consists of a plain white T-shirt, black or blue shorts and for Games a warm top and/or jogging bottoms (to be worn over the PE kit) and trainers. PE lessons will be on a Monday and Friday afternoon.

Please could we ask that all your child's clothing and equipment (including their lunch boxes and bags) are clearly labelled with their name. This makes it easier to return stray belongings to their rightful owner!

Fruit or vegetables will be available at break time each day along with milk. Your child is encouraged to bring water in a named, **clear** drinks bottle to use in the classroom, which can be refilled during the day. Water bottles are available from both offices – £1 each.

Toast is available at morning break for Years 3 - 6. 20p a slice.

Year 3 will be performing in the Christmas production this year alongside Year 2. More details will follow nearer to the time. Our year group will not be having a Class Assembly this year due to the production.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Gooch, Miss Riley and Miss Coatsworth

