



ANGEL ROAD JUNIOR SCHOOL

HAPPY, HEALTHY, AIMING HIGH!

Welcome Back!

The Year 3 team wish you all a very happy New Year and we hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas. The children worked extremely hard in their first term at Angel Road Junior and the whole team are very impressed with all they have achieved so far. We have lots more exciting topics and activities planned to kick start their second term at Angel Road.

Our main topic for this half term is Stone Age to Iron Age, this topic will run all the way until Easter which will give the children time to learn lots about this era of History across all subjects in the curriculum. As well as learning lots of historical events, we will also be studying food and nutrition in Science. We will compare our diet to the diets of Stone Age man and hopefully make a healthy snack. We will also look at how Geography played a huge role in the lives of people from Stone Age to Iron age and in Art we will be looking at cave paintings and have a go at creating some of our own.

The children will also continue their Swimming sessions this term on a Tuesday morning organised by Mr Cunningham, our PE teacher. 3B will start their sessions at the beginning of February and 3PK will begin theirs towards the end of March. Please look out for letters and important permission slips which will be sent home nearer to your child's start date.

Please also ensure your child has their PE / Games kit in school on Monday 7th January.

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PE is on a Monday

Games is on a Wednesday

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HOMEWORK BOOKS

These are sent home on Friday.

Please return them to school on Wednesday.

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UNIFORM

Please remember to name ALL of your child's uniform and PE kit to prevent your child from losing their items.



Dates for diaries:

Class Photographs
27th February

World Book Day
7th March

Holt Hall visits
12th, 20th and 21st
March

Year 3 Production
4th April



Your child needs:

A filled and named water bottle for use in class. Please only send water in these bottles with your child.

One of the key changes we are introducing as a school this term is the removal of the optional home learning activities from the children's home learning programme. As a school, it has been decided to ask parents and carers to focus on supporting their children with Reading, Spelling and Maths activities each week. We expect children to do the following at home:

- Read at least 3 times a week - this can be reading aloud or reading a story together with a family member.
- Practice their spellings - these will be sent home in their home learning books weekly and the children are tested on these every Monday.
- Practice their mental Maths skills - through the practice of their times tables and time spent on Sumdog. By the end of Year 3 all children must know their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

The children will still bring home a home learning book each week, which will contain a record sheet for parents and carers to sign when they have supported their children with these activities. Children will still be able to gain house points from their teacher for good effort with these activities.

Your child will shortly be bringing home a letter about our school trip for this term - a Stone Age Survival Day at Holt Hall. Each class will be going on a different day in March 2019 and the trip links in with the curriculum for this term. The children will get to experience aspects of life in Stone Age times from building shelters to lighting fires and cooking simple foods. The cost is £15.00 and is being subsidised by the Friends Association. Payment for the trip can be made in one amount or in 3 monthly payments of £5 per month via the School Money Online Payment System.

Finally, we will also be starting rehearsals for our Year 3 Production after February half term. This is earlier in the academic calendar than previous years. The theme of the production has yet to be finalised and parents, carers and family members will be invited to watch an evening performance of the production on Thursday 4th April. More details will be sent out nearer the time, but all children should be able to attend the evening performance on this date.

I would like to thank you in advance this term for your continued support with your child's learning in Year 3 and if you have any questions or queries please feel free to see your child's class teacher.

Regards,

Miss Buck

Mrs Knight and Mrs Pearson

Miss Crawford

(Year Leader)