



Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a very much needed half term break! This half term promises to be a busy one with lots of Stone Age excitement and Christmas preparations.

It was a privilege to talk to you about how your children have settled in at Parent Consultations this week. If you were unable to attend or hadn't made an appointment, please see Mr Tilling or Miss Mawudoku to make an alternative appointment.

In the second half of the Autumn Term both classes will be reading 'Stone Age Boy', by Satoshi Kitamura, in class, in addition to some other stone age related class books, such as 'Ug-Boy Genius of the Stone Age (and his search for soft trousers)' by Raymond Briggs. Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible (3 - 5 times a week would be ideal) and don't forget to fill in the Reading Record Book, you can also write in when they have read other books from home, magazines or instruction booklets etc!

We will be finding out about The Stone Age to Iron Age as our main topic which will include a Science focus on rocks and soils. Simon Cooper from Carisbrooke Castle Museum and Trevor Price from Dinosaur Isle will be visiting us on 6th and 8th November to enhance the children's learning in these areas. Thank you to all of the parents who paid their £3.56 towards our visitor's fees, we look forward to receiving the last few remaining contributions shortly.

Both classes will still require their PE kits on Tuesdays and Fridays. We suggest that all children bring a tracksuit (which doesn't need to be Queensgate colours) in addition to their shorts, T shirts and trainers; spare socks would be a good idea too. It makes sense to keep PE kits in school for the half term, unless the children get particularly muddy, as they will only be wearing them for a couple of hours per week. Please ensure all kits, school uniforms and coats are named as things can get muddled!

In addition to reading, learning times tables and weekly spellings, Y3 children will still have 2 pieces of formal homework. Maths Challenge will be set on a Wednesday to be handed in on the following Monday. A writing or topic based homework will be set on Fridays to be handed in on Wednesdays. Homework should be slightly challenging but if your child is really

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struggling please speak to us or write a note on the work itself so that we are aware. Each piece of work should take approximately half an hour to complete.

As in other year groups we will also set a family homework task linked to our topic, this half term the homework task is to research and make a model of a Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age house. If you need any support with materials or ideas please pop in or ask your child to speak to us.

Historically we have found that children struggle with telling the time and dealing with money so please make take as many opportunities to encourage your child in these areas of learning!

Please continue to read the weekly newsletter (available online on the school website <https://queensgateprimary.co.uk>) to be sure when your child needs their out and about clothes on a Wednesday morning. It also will keep you in the loop about any changes, special occasions or meetings taking place.

Please make an appointment to speak with us if you have any questions or if you need to share any information about your child or home life which may have an impact on their learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Tilling

Miss Mawudoku

& the Year 3 team

Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Antwiss, Miss. Vernau & Miss Rea

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