



Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Families,

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

In this half of the Autumn Term both classes will be reading 'The First Drawing' by Mordicai Gerstein, in addition to some other stone age related class books, such as 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. 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 yellow Reading Record book. You can also write in when they have read other books from home, magazines or instruction booklets etc!

In addition to reading, all Y3 children will also bring home maths and spelling homework to be completed at home over the half term- this will comprise of 2 sheets per week- which can be kept at home as a revision aid.

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 ask your child to speak to us or catch us at the end of the day.

As well as finding out about The Stone Age to Iron Age, we will have a Science focus on rocks and soils. We are in the process of organising for an expert from the dinosaur museum to come in to school to lead a workshop about rocks, soils and fossils to give children a chance to get a 'hands on' learning opportunity. The children really enjoyed working with Estelle at our Stone Age workshop yesterday- check out the newsletter for some photos!

Both classes will need their PE kits on Tuesday and Friday. We suggest that as the term gets colder they wear tracksuit bottoms or leggings, trainers and school t-shirts and sweatshirts. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their kit ready for PE.

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

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.

You can contact your child's class teacher on the following email addresses:

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We look forward to working in close partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tilling & Miss Hunter,

Mrs Cade, Mrs Tate and Mrs Kingsbury



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