Parents of children in Classes 3SG and 3EL 11 September 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Your child is now beginning to settle into the new routines that are part of entering Key Stage Two. They are expected to become increasingly independent and responsible for organising their own belongings. Work is also increasing in amount including homework as follows:

English Homework will be set on Friday and is expected back on the following Friday. Homework will be related to the spellings, punctuation and/or grammar work that has taken place in class or will be taking place the following week. This year, children will be given spellings to practise and learn each week; this will include High Frequency Words and words from the Year 3 statutory words list.

Maths Homework, linked to the week’s learning in maths, will be sent home on Friday and is expected back on the following Friday. Times tables may also, at times, be sent home to practise; these will be accompanied by a covering note.

Any uncompleted homework will be completed on Friday break time unless there are extenuating circumstances; please provide a note if this is the case.

Your child should spend approximately 40 minutes on each piece of homework. In addition to this, daily reading for at least 15 minutes, unless doing other homework, will make a vast difference to your child’s progress at school; please see inside your child’s reading record for further details. Children’s reading books can be changed daily. We request that all reading diaries and books be given in on a daily basis to ensure your children’s home-reading can be monitored and celebrated. Any non-school books read at home may also be recorded in the back of your child’s reading log.

3EL and 3SG have PE sessions Tuesday (outdoor) and Monday (indoor). Please ensure all items of PE kit are named and in school on these days. However, it would be beneficial if P.E. bags could remain in school throughout the week as children are occasionally asked to change into their P.E. kits for other activities.

Children are encouraged to bring a named water bottle to keep in class. This ensures access to a drink during lessons and helps to keep children from becoming dehydrated. All items brought to school should be named, **especially school uniforms**, PE kits, book bags and packed lunch boxes.

Key Stage 2 children are not entitled to free fruit so the children in the juniors are encouraged to bring a healthy snack of fresh fruit or vegetable e.g. apple, banana, orange, grapes, carrot etc. for morning break but no chocolate, sweets or nuts please. These are to be kept in their personal tray.

The main areas covered in Year 3 will be: The Stone Age to the Iron Age, The Romans in Britain, Rainforests, Plymouth during WWII and London. As part of these topics we are planning to go on some exciting school trips; the overall total cost of these trips, including coach travel, will be approximately £20-30 over the course of the year. However, there may other opportunities which arise during the year and you will be informed about these where appropriate.

Our topics for terms 1 and 2 are:

Science Light & Darkness

 Animals Including Humans

 RE Worship, Pilgrimage & Sacred Places.

Design & Technology Roman Jewellery

PE Invasion Games & Multi-Skills

 Gymnastics/Dance

ICT Word Processing & Communication with the Internet

History The Stone Age and The Iron Age & The Romans in Britain

 Art Artwork related to the Stone Age & The Iron Age

We have several staff members working within Year 3 this year. Supporting the teachers in class will be: Mrs Smith and Mrs Sumner. We will provide further details regarding this during the Year 3 ‘Getting to Know You’ evening on 25th September 2018 at 3:30pm.

Please do not hesitate to request an appointment if you have any immediate concerns about your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Lake Mr S Griggs

Class 3EL Class 3SG