

**Message from the class teachers:**

Welcome to Year 3! We are really looking forward to a fantastic year - your first year at Cavendish Close. This term we will be learning about The Stone Age, including an exciting Stone Age experience day! We look forward to seeing you working hard and making great progress. Please pop the important dates over the page into your diaries.

**Teachers:** Mr Taylor, Miss Winfield, Mrs Goosey and Mrs Bielby

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Lowe, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Byrne

**PPA cover:** Mrs Cooper and Mrs Goosey

**An overview of learning this half term**

**Maths:** Place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

**English:** Stone Age Boy (narrative), The Street Beneath My Feet (explanation text)

**History:** The Stone Age

**Science:** Rocks and fossils

**RE:** What do different people believe about God?

**French:** Greetings and Feelings

**General Reminders:**

This term we will be introducing Year 3 expectations and working on 'The Harmony Pledge'. This week, we will be completing some wonderful 'Take One Picture' work based upon Balthazar Van Der Ast 'Flowers in a Vase with Shells and Insects', which we look forward to sharing with you on our class story and portfolios on Class Dojo.

**PE**

Mr Taylor: Wednesday and Friday

Miss Winfield and Mrs Goosey: Monday and Wednesday

Mrs Bielby: Tuesday and Friday

Children must come into school wearing their PE kits on these days. You also need a spare pair of trainers to leave in school for the mile run. Earrings must be removed and hair must be tied back for PE.

**Homework**

Homework will be set online each Thursday when the children have received their iPads. This will include: Spelling Shed, Reading, Sum Dog maths, Purple Mash tasks and Times Table Rockstars. We will ensure all children are confident in accessing homework tasks and all passwords will be provided via Dojo.

**Reading**

The children will be completing an online test over the next week in order to allocate them with the correct book for their reading level. Once your child has their book, please read with your child at home as often as possible and sign this off in their reading records. Our expectation is at least 3 times per week and children are rewarded for doing this. Books and reading diaries need to be in school every day. Reading books can be changed once the children have completed their book quiz in school or at home on Accelerated Reader. Children will also be given a book to read for pleasure from our twenty books to read before the end of year 4 list.

**Snacks and water bottles**

Children are permitted to bring in their own snack for break time, which should consist of a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks. Cavendish Close Junior Academy does not provide snacks for children to eat at break times. Children must bring in their own named water bottle from home which should only contain water.

**Nut Free School**

There are children in school who have a severe nut allergy. Not only are they allergic to nuts, they cannot tolerate having food substances with nuts in. Therefore, we are now a **nut free** school. Please ensure your child does not bring any nuts or food items to school which have nuts as a listed ingredient.

**Working in Harmony Award**

All children will be coming home with a Working in Harmony Award booklet soon. This is an award which we can all work together to achieve throughout this half term. There are allocated tasks for teachers, pupils and parents each week. Please support your child in completion of these activities and help them to earn a special certificate and badge.

**Meet the Year Group Team Event**

We would like to invite you to meet the Year 3 team from 3.25 – 4.00pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This will be in your child's classroom and will inform you of all the important information needed for the year. There will also be an opportunity to have a quick chat with your child's class teacher, if you wish.

We are really looking forward to a busy but thrilling term. If you have any questions, please see us at the Year 3 classroom doors at the end of the day or contact your child's teacher via Class Dojo.