



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Sycamore class, we hope you have all had a lovely summer break.

Our topic this term is 'Stone Age to Iron Age' and we will be using the books 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' and 'Stone Age Boy' as inspiration in other areas of the curriculum. Please see the reverse side of this letter for an overview of our learning.

Below, I have put together a list of things that will be happening this term as well as our class routines. If you have any queries, or wish to discuss anything regarding your child, please don't hesitate to telephone school to ask for a meeting.

Yours,
Mrs Rudder & Mr Swann

Music: on a **Monday** afternoon Helen Parkes will be teaching Strings (violin/viola's) this term. Year 4 will take part the first half term and Year 3 the second half term. More information will follow.

Forest School with Zach Rootes will be on **Tuesday** afternoons.

Please see the website for information on the **correct school PE kit and Forest Schools kit**. We do have some spare clothes in school. However, for safety reasons, if your child does not have appropriate clothing for Forest School they may be unable to take part.

Swimming: both year 3 and 4 will take part in swimming on a **Wednesday** afternoon, more information will follow.

P.E will be delivered by PAS on **Friday** afternoons.

Homework: Throughout the week your child will be expected to learn their spellings and times tables and should try to read every evening. On **Fridays**, your child will bring home a homework task to complete and return by the following Friday. Their homework will be an activity based on what they have learnt that week. This is to help the children to consolidate their learning and to give them some extra practise.

Times Tables will be set and given to children on **Wednesdays** and will be practised daily in the classroom. Please encourage your child to practise these at home. Every child has a TT Rockstars account that they can access at home and in school.

In order to help the children learn their times tables, each week they will be set an assignment to complete at home on TT Rockstars. This is a 15-minute session in 'Garage' mode for them complete throughout the week. Please remember, TT Rockstars can be accessed through the internet or by downloading the app on mobile phones and tablets etc.

Spellings will be set and given to children on **Fridays** and will be practised in the classroom every day ready for their spelling quiz the following Friday. Please help your child by practising these at home. You can access their weekly spelling lists on the class webpage.

Reading books: Throughout the week, members of staff will hear your child read. The children will be able to take a book and a reading record home daily, but they must remember to bring them both back the following day. We will change books as and when the children finish them. Please refer to the Accelerated Reader letter for more information about reading levels.