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Term 2 and 3 – France Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic break and well-earned rest. I am really looking forward to welcoming the children back into France class and I know that they will have another great term. This term our gem power is Emerald so we will be focussing on resilience.

Our new Curious Curriculum enquiry questions for Term 2 and 3 are: **What is prehistory?, How did people live in the stone ages?, Why was location such an important factor in deciding where to settle?, Why is it called the Neolithic revolution?, Did metals change everything? and How was the iron age better than the bronze age?** This theme will enhance our scientific, geographical and historical investigation skills. Our key text for term 2 will be is 'Stone Age Boy' written by Satoshi Kitmura and our learning will be centred round this. We will be writing a range of different text types including a narrative with the purpose of retelling the story focussing on writing in past tense, expanded noun phrases and subordinating conjunctions. In term 3 our key text will be 'The Hide Out' written by Susanna Mattiangeli. We will be writing character descriptions, using speech and using organisational features such as paragraphs.

In maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction followed by multiplication and division. We will continue to work on our times tables' knowledge throughout the year. Miss Potts will continue to be working with the class during PPA sessions.

PE Kit:

It is expected that your child has a PE kit in school throughout the week. Please ensure all items, including uniform, **are labelled with first and last names** to allow us to keep track of them. No matter how tidy we are in Year 3, if garments are not labelled, it can be difficult to return them to their rightful owner. Our sessions will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. PE kits will be sent home throughout the term to be washed to ensure the safety of our pupils.

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Home Learning:

We expect all pupils to read to a family member five times per week for ten minutes. Please ensure that reading diaries are acknowledged and signed by parents as this is an essential record of which books your child has read and how they are progressing. It is compulsory that books come to school daily. Reading books will be changed regularly..

Morning Snacks and Drinks:

If you would like to send your child into school with their own snack, we would ask that this is fruit or a healthy snack such as a cereal bar. Please only send WATER in drinks bottles to promote healthy eating and to reduce the risk of spillages.

Many thanks,

Mrs Hughes
Class Teacher

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