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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Welcome to Year 3 and 4. We hope that you have had a great summer enjoying the sunshine (and the rain!) and have managed to spend some valuable time with your family and friends.

We are delighted to say that the children have settled back into school life quickly and sensibly. It has been a pleasure returning to school seeing the pupils' smiley faces as they greet their friends and their readiness to return to learning. It was also lovely seeing parents in person at our 'welcome to Year 3 and 4 meeting' on Wednesday afternoon! If you missed the meeting, information is available on the school website

This term we are exploring a history based unit of work called '**From Cavemen to Celts.**' We will build up our understanding of life during these times by looking at different sources of evidence. We will explore the periods from long ago, firstly focusing on life during the Stone Age, moving through to the Bronze Age and the Iron Age.

We have planned a hands-on experience week, commencing on Monday 6th October, where the children will be delving deeper into the Stone Age time. The sessions will commence with experienced teachers from *History Off the Page* providing an online lesson before the children embark on a selection of craft and creative activities.

All children will be performing in a year 3/4 production early in the new year. Our 'Cavemen to Celts' performances will be held on the **evening of Tuesday 20th January** and the **afternoon of Wednesday 21st January**. Please save the date in your diaries.

In English, we will explore a variety of genres which will include story writing, non-chronological reports and poetry. All children will read on a weekly basis, either as part of a group, or individually with their class teacher. The focus for this will be comprehension skills, fluency, and expression.

Initially, maths lessons will focus on number and calculations and later in the term we will be learning about the properties of shapes, data handling, measures and further developing our number skills.

We really value your help with your child's homework. We expect all children to read daily for about 15 - 20 minutes. Please take time to hear them read and ask questions about the text. Pupils will also be given weekly spellings to learn and x tables to practise for weekly tests. In addition to this, children are also expected to be learning the attached 109 spelling test from the National Curriculum – some of these words are very tricky and your child may need a lot of support in learning these. Our termly Homework Projects (see attachment) promote independence and curiosity and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own learning.

It is essential that the children wear the correct clothes for P.E. which is timetabled primarily on **Monday and Tuesday** for Swans and **Tuesday and Friday** for Kingfishers and Badgers. Children should arrive in school and wear their PE kits on these days to avoid getting changed in classrooms. This system works well and provides the children with additional time for physical exercise. Occasionally, PE days may alter, so if this is the case, we will notify you.

We look forward to talking to you all at Parent Consultation meetings the week before half term. If you have any concerns before then, please contact your child's class teacher via the school office email.

The Year 3/4 Team.

