



# Love to Learn, Learn to Care

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a lovely Christmas, and I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year.

As you are aware, our Young Voices concert is finally here. On Friday, if your child is not attending the concert with the class, they are still expected to be in school for the full day and will join Year 2 in the afternoon.

This half term in English, our focus will be on narrative writing, instructions and poetry. We will be using the key texts *Stone Age Boy*, *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth* and *Somebody's Mother* to support our learning. Through these texts, we will explore plot, climax and persuasive language. We will build on our existing knowledge by adding extra detail and information using prepositions, imperative verbs, adverbs and imagery.

In Maths, we will be focusing on multiplication and division, exploring inverse operations and making links between number fact families. We will also be learning the 3, 4, 8 and 11 times tables. We really appreciate your support with times tables practice at home, as regular practice makes a big difference. Your child has access to Times Table Rockstars, Sumdog and Purple Mash, and I will be setting up a class tournament on Times Table Rockstars. If you do not have access or have forgotten your login details, please let me know as soon as possible so I can help.

In Science, our topic will be Rocks, Fossils and Soils. The children will have plenty of opportunities for hands-on learning and for planning and carrying out fair investigations to explore their properties.

PE will continue to take place on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing trainers, jogging bottoms and either their House hoodie or school jumper, as we will be working outside even in colder weather.

Our topic this half term is *Dawn of the Man*, which begins our History focus on Prehistoric Britain. We will be learning about life during the Stone Age using artefacts and a range of historical evidence. There will be many opportunities for cross-curricular learning. If your child has any books or relevant information related to this topic, we would love them to bring these in to share with the class. The children really enjoy sharing books and stories from home.

Finally, please continue to listen to your child read daily and record this in their reading diary, along with any comments or concerns you may wish to share with me.

I would also like to remind you of the KS2 Homework Policy, which can be found on the school website. Your continued support with your child's learning and homework really does make a significant difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Ellis  
Year 3 Class Teacher



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