

Homework

Children will begin to receive homework again from this week. It will be sent home on a **Thursday** and we ask that it is completed and returned no later than Tuesday the next week.

Each week your child will receive:

- A piece of English Homework
- A piece of Maths Homework
- A list of spellings (tested on **Tuesday afternoons** – please note new day)
- A reading book appropriate to your child's reading ability – to be read at home at least three times per week. Please question your child about what they've read to build up their comprehension skills and help them to “read between the lines”

In addition, the following will help your child:

- Times Tables practice – by the end of Year 4 children should know their times tables up to 12 x 12. This will greatly help them with short and long multiplication and division when we do this in school. We provide free access to **Times Tables Rock Stars** and **Education City** in order to support your child with learning their times tables

In addition to the homework we ask that you encourage your child to read as much as they can at home either independently or by sharing a book with an adult.

Thank you for your continued support you give us with homework.



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Class 8 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome back to the new school! I am sure you are impressed with our amazing facilities, and we are looking forward to spending the rest of the year here. Our termly newsletter will let you know what will be happening in our class and offer suggestions as to how you may support your child at home.

Our theme this term is **Early man and the transition from Stone Age to Iron Age**.

During this term the children will be learning about:

- **Early man and the transition from Stone Age to Iron Age.**
- **Fractions, decimals, area and measurement** in maths.
- **Where man settled and why** in geography
- **Cave paintings, making our own paint and experimenting with texture and shade in** art & DT.
- **Writing for different audiences and animation** in Computing lessons
- **Food chains and the human digestive system** in Science
- **Early man and hunter gatherers** in History

We have already had some great discussions about artefacts the children have brought in, however should you have any other artefacts or items of interest linked to this topic, we would be delighted to have them in school to enhance the learning environment. These will of course be returned at the end of the topic!

Curriculum Enrichment

This term, we hope to visit the Hancock museum in Newcastle to enhance our understanding of man in the Stone age.. We have already visited 'Inspire to Learn' to take part in a steam day, where we made new innovations from scrap, and will also be taking part in a 'STEAM week' across school, where we will take part in a variety of workshops.

PE

Please ensure that children have a **full PE kit in school** each day. This will be sent home at the end of every half term holiday.

Keywords

Alongside the weekly spellings that will be sent home, we will also be teaching key words that the children are expected to be able to spell at the end of year 3/4 - any support with practicing these at home would be greatly appreciated.

Robinwood Residential

As the time when year 4 will again be visiting Robinwood for our residential trip, take the time to read through the booklet and letter we supplied earlier this year. This will tell you all of the equipment you will need, and what to expect. More details about the arrangement will be sent out closer to the time, and we will be doing some more activities linked to this visit in the coming weeks.

Home Reading

Every child will have a home reading book which should be taken home each night and brought into school each day. We ask that children read at home at least three times per week using the school reading book with a comment from an adult who has listened to them read. Now that the children beginning to be fluent with reading, we are working hard to develop the children's comprehension skills through inference and deduction. Questions to develop these skills are included in most of the reading scheme books. As many of the books are becoming longer, we do not expect that these are changed as often, but it is important that the reading still takes place and that comments are made.

Guitars

As we are sure you have noticed, guitar now takes place every other week on a Tuesday for class 8. This is to allow more time (1 hour sessions) with the guitar teacher, and to bring more quality and in-depth learning to the sessions. This term, the children will need their guitars on the 29th Januray and the 12th February, and after half term on the 5th and 19th of March, and the 2nd April. We would ask that all children take their guitars home at the end of the day, so that they can practice at home.

Please can you make sure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled? If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to pop into class to see us.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr Dixon (Class 8 Teacher)