

Dear parents,

**Request for a parent helper:**

Next Friday (29th) is the St George's Nativity trip and we are looking for one additional adult to accompany the class.

The timings for the day are as follows.

Departure time from school: 10.45am

Arrival time: 11.15am

Time of performance: 11.30am

Leaving by: 12.30pm

Back at School: 1pm

The shows are really fun and it's a great atmosphere - please contact the office or Mrs Miller directly if you would like to join the class on this trip.

**Coats:**

Please make sure pupils bring coats in every day to school. Some pupils have been reluctant to wear coats at times and will sometimes claim they've forgotten to bring them (!) but other times they actually don't have them! Mr Ratcliffe has stated that pupils will only be allowed out at play / lunchtime this term if they are wearing a coat so we can make sure that all pupils are appropriately dressed for the season!

**Homework:**

Pupils have been given their weekly spellings as usual. Reading records need three signatures per week and please encourage your child to practice on Times Tables Rockstars regularly - ten minutes a day is much more effective than one fifty minute block..... 'a little and often' is the mantra!

In addition to this, I would like pupils to work on learning their lines for our Stone Age assembly. I am hopeful that by Tuesday we can have a rehearsal without scripts.

**Costumes for assembly:**

The Stone Age assembly is a low-key drama and not a full-scale production so I aim to keep the costumes simple with simple props or costumes to indicate the characters. The 'students' can all wear school uniform so that one is easy! Archaeologist characters just need something smart/formal which would just be a shirt and tie. For the Stone, Bronze and Iron age characters they could wear some kind of tunic, even if it's just a black, brown or grey t shirt with a rope around the waist (like on our school trip). We discussed in class how the Victorians might wear a brooch or some kind of dress or even just an

apron. Metal craftsmen might also wear an apron. If there are things you can't source then let us know and we will see if other children might have things suitable at home. If you think of another idea or way to represent the character/period this is also fine and please don't buy anything.

A date for the performance will be agreed next week and I shall let you know as you are all invited to come and see it! It won't be for a couple of weeks at least so you have time - thank you!

### **Highlights:**

It's been a wonderful couple of weeks in Class 3 with some great learning going on across the curriculum. In English, we are continuing to get stuck into our class novel of Stig of the Dump and the pupils have been producing some great work around mythological creatures, including a superb poem this week.

In Maths we have been drilling down on our times tables which has been the theme for a couple of weeks now. All pupils have times tables rockstars logins and should be practising these regularly although there are other sites such as 'hit the button' and [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk) which are also fun for practising.

For Year 4 parents, it would be helpful to let your child practise for their multiplication screening check (in the summer term) using this tool:

[Multiplication Tables Check - 2025 - Timestables.co.uk](#)

This is designed to replicate the test, including the time per each question which is fairly quick! It is also a great way to find out which tables are less secure and need further practice. These songs are a good way to revise too:

[Super Movers: Times Tables Collection](#)

In History we have been practising our play script, which is crammed full of historical facts and information..... and of course we had our brilliant day out at Murton Park. The pictures are here if you haven't seen them already:

[Murton Park - Prehistory Day!](#)

It was an incredible day and an indisputable highlight of the term so far. The children were amazing and full of enthusiasm but also great listening skills and a sensible attitude. There's been great learning in other subjects too - well done Class 3, you are doing yourselves proud!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Sturgess and Mrs Miller