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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Families,

Welcome back, Class 3 families! It has been a wonderful first week welcoming the children back to school — and what a week we have had!

From settling into our new classroom, meeting new faces and getting used to new routines, the children have made a fantastic start. We have also had the excitement of Ofsted visiting our school! The children were absolutely fantastic throughout the inspection days and really showed the very best version of themselves and our school. We are incredibly proud of them.

A huge thank you to all of you for your support with this. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and enjoyed making lots of wonderful memories with your families.

History – Time Travelling!

This week, Class 3 have been time travelling back to the Stone Age and Iron Age. We have started to understand just how long ago these periods of British history took place — and it really is a *very* long time ago! The children particularly enjoyed taking their learning outside to create a human timeline of historical events. It was fantastic to see them working together and putting their historical knowledge into practice.

We have also begun exploring Leeds 400, celebrating 400 years since Leeds became independent following the granting of its first charter by King Charles I. We will continue to develop the children's understanding of this throughout the term.

English – Washing Woolly Mammoths!

In English, we have started our new book, *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading it and are now beginning to explore what makes an effective instructional text. We will be looking at how to give clear, precise, step-by-step instructions, including the use of imperative verbs and sequencing. Luckily, we don't currently have any woolly mammoths in Class 3 requiring a wash! Today we took some time to draw our own woolly mammoths in our sketch books – they all looked great.

Remember – Swimming starts on Monday!

Children can come to school in PE kit, please remember to bring your swimming costume, towel & goggles.



Supporting Learning at Home

We really appreciate your support with your child's learning at home. Each week, spellings will be sent home for the children to practise. Please also aim to read with your child at least three times a week. Regular reading is hugely beneficial and helps to build confidence, fluency and vocabulary. Don't forget to keep those times tables ticking over too! Children can practise regularly using TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars), last year's logins should still work. We will aim to get new logins out to everyone next week. Most importantly, if you have any questions, worries or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to chat and work together to support your child.

What a Fantastic First Week!

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into Class 3. They have shown enthusiasm, kindness and a real eagerness to learn, and we are looking forward to all the adventures this year will bring.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy some well-earned rest!

The Class 3 Team

