

Friday 9th September 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and you are as excited for the new term as we are in Year 3/4.

Our topic before half-term is 'The Stone Age' as well as touching upon aspects of 'The Iron Age', before moving onto 'Volcanoes' after half term. Much of our work across the curriculum will be linked to these topics and we are sure that the pupils will thoroughly enjoy studying these topics. Once the children have settled, we will introduce the topic-based homework; projects that further supports these subjects, and we will provide exercise books (learning logs) for these to be completed in.

PE Days

Mrs Crabtree's class: Wednesday and Thursday
Mrs Hoskyns/ Miss Riley's class: Tuesday and Wednesday
Mr Smith's class: Wednesday and Thursday.

Could pupils please come to school on these days wearing the correct P.E. kit (black/dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms, coloured T-Shirt, a black/dark tracksuit top or hoodie and suitable trainers). Most P.E. lessons will be held outdoors, so please send your child in clothing suitable for the weather. No jewellery is to be worn during PE lessons so can we ask that children do not wear any to school that day – we do allow earrings to be taped up, but children are to provide and apply their own tape.

Outdoor Learning

For all three classes, Outdoor Learning lessons will be held on Wednesdays. As this is the same day as one of our PE lessons – please ensure children bring a change of shoes for this session e.g. wellies/ hiking boots in a named bag. Outdoor Learning lessons will usually be spent outside, irrespective of the weather.

Extra support

You will be given a termly overview of the spellings that the children will learn. Each week, the individual spelling lists will be given to all pupils every Monday. Please check in their Home – School diaries as children will have glued these in at school. Spelling tests will take place in school on the Friday morning, and your child will be expected to record their score in their reading diary.

It is really important that your child also reads to an adult regularly at home to support both the skill and enjoyment of reading. Reading is not only word recognition but being able to

understand what is being read (comprehension). If possible, could you please sign and date in their diary whenever you listen to your child read. Children are rewarded for reading at home every day each week.

Please support your child in their work to improve their times tables recall – a skill that is useful across so many different areas of Maths. At Town End Junior School, we use TT Rockstars which is a brilliant way of supporting their learning – this can also be accessed at home. Year 4s will have the same login details as last year and the Year 3s will be given their logins over the next few weeks. We will ensure that all children can access the software at school when the logins are issued.

In terms of what your child needs at school - everything from books to stationery is provided so your child will only need to bring a school book-bag, a coat and a water bottle. Unfortunately, due to space needed for 80+ coats and book-bags, we are unable to accommodate rucksacks.

Many thanks for your support. If you have any concerns or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact us. The best way for communication is either a message in the diary (especially for arrangements for pick-up at the end of the day), messages via School Comms, or via the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Crabtree, Mrs. Hoskyns, Miss Riley and Mr. Smith.