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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our next half term is going to be an exciting one, enjoy the week off!

**MAIN LEARNING THEME** – *Meet the Flintstones.*

Our theme for the second half term is called Meet the Flintstones. During the theme we will be looking at the Stone Age in Britain. We will be focussing on cavemen and how they survived during this period of history, including how they used farming in that period. We will study some cave drawings and using this as a model to create our own cave drawings in class. As well as this we will attempt to design and make some of our own Stone Age tools. To finish off this theme we will be trying to come up with a dance that cavemen would perform to celebrate.

The key vocabulary we will be learning as part of this curriculum is listed below:

**Cave, dwelling, agriculture, weapons, bronze, evolution, fossils, inventions.**

**ENGLISH**

Language and Literacy will continue with our non-fiction focus which is *Non-Chronological Reports*. This writing includes **interesting facts, headings, subheadings and diagrams with captions** to interest the reader. The grammar focus is using **conjunctions** to vary sentence structure. When we have completed this part of the unit, we will move on to Unit 6 of the programme. This unit has a focus of 'Writing a Folktale'. This will be linked to our topic wherever possible. During this we will be looking at **describing a setting, including dialogue and keeping up suspense**. The grammar focus during this section will be around **adverbs and adverbials**.

Key vocabulary associated with our English learning:

**Hero/heroine, enchantress, herdsman, begone, rejoiced, tricks.**

Here is a list of wider reading materials linked to the unit:

*Grandpa Chatterji* – Jamila Gavin

*Folk Tales from Africa: The Baboons Who Went This Way and That* – Alexander McCall Smith

*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* – John Steptoe

Children who are part of Read Write Inc. will continue on this programme. Children are assessed regularly and change groups and adults as part of progressing through the programme. We will inform you when your child moves groups, or moves into our Language and Literacy programme.

**MATHS**

We will be focussing on different measures for next term. We will be looking at measuring **length, weight** and **capacity**. We will be using lots of practical methods to do this so we are preparing to spend a lot of time outdoors to do this. When we do capacity it could get messy! As well as this we will also be doing some work on **position, direction and movement** which will again involve a lot of practical work, which will be linked back to the topic.

Children across school will continue to work regularly in small groups on our Assertive Mentoring programme for maths.

**PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT**

As there will be a lot of exciting things going on next term, I may be calling upon any free adults to come in and help out. Look out for messages being sent home for requests of help! As well as this, towards the end of next term we will want to show off some of the things we have learnt and perform an end of topic dance! A date for this will be confirmed in due course.



## **HOME LEARNING**

The Power Project for this theme will be linked to our theme and will be about **Cave Art**. There will be a Power Project sheet sent home at the beginning of the term to suggest ideas for these projects. A massive thanks again to all of the children and adults at home who put so much effort into these Power Projects. The date for them to be returned is **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015**.

As well as this, on a weekly basis children will be taking home a piece of English and Maths Home Learning each week. This will be sent home on a Wednesday and will be expected to be returned the following Wednesday. Please can you ensure that you check for new home learning being sent home on the day it is sent out so if your child has forgotten to pack their home learning there is plenty of time for it to be reprinted or copied in time for them to complete it.

## **PE**

Indoor PE will continue to be taught on a Tuesday morning and we will be doing Outdoor PE on a Thursday afternoon. We require every child to have a **full kit** brought in on a **Monday** every week, with it being taken home on a Friday. **NO jewellery is allowed** during PE sessions, with any earrings that are unable to be removed to be covered by a **plaster provided from home**. If your child is not dress appropriately, **including earrings**, then a letter will be sent home as a reminder.

The PE kit required is as follows:

- Plain White T-Shirt
- Black or Grey Shorts
- Plimsolls or Trainers
- Tracksuit bottoms for Outdoor PE

Please make sure that **all** of your child's clothes are labelled with their full name to avoid items of clothing going missing. If you do find a piece of clothing that does not belong to your child can you please return it to school.

A reminder that in Key Stage 2 children are no longer provided with fruit at break time. Children can bring a snack from home and it **must be a healthy snack**, such as fruit. Please remember that Norwood is a nut free school.

Hot school meals are still available each day but they must be paid for in advance using our ParentPay system.

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