4th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderfully positive start to the year and we feel the children have settled back into the routine of school very well. This half term our Topic continues to be ‘Prehistoric Britain’ with a link to the geography and history of our local area. Children will be learning about the different food groups in Science, as well as making bread in DT and studying the village of Stapleford. Please see the topic web for more information.

**Adults in Oak class**

Miss Mason will continue to teach the class on Monday, Tuesday morning and Wednesday and Mr Marchant will teach on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Pugh will be teaching on a Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Rogers will support the class on a Monday and Tuesday morning.

**Reading in Year 3**

Reading is an important part of the school curriculum and at Stapleford we encourage all opportunities to enjoy books, both at school and at home. Your child will take part in whole class reading activities and will read as part of a group each week and we would love it if you could read to, and listen to your child read, as much as possible at home.

**Remember, “Greedy readers make great writers.”**

**Homework**

Children will be given a menu of homework in their homework books similar to last half term to complete over the half term. The menu is split into the subject areas of English, Maths, Science, Arts and History/Geography and has two options for each area. Every week your child should start by completing **one** piece of homework from each subject, so that over the term they have covered all five subjects. We will expect a minimum of 5 pieces to be given in **one wee before the end of term**, but as it is a long half term, your child is free to complete more than this, if they have time (and are willing!) These should be completed in their homework books.

**Other**

Oak class will continue doing PE on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** during the Autumn Term. Your child should come dressed in their PE kits on PE days.

Pencil cases are encouraged at this time but please ensure it is small enough to fit into their trays and it (and its contents) should be clearly labelled with their name. Please avoid bringing in really precious items as we cannot guarantee that they will not get lost or broken.

Any further information will be communicated to you as it arises throughout the year through ParentMail, or from the class parent representative, however, should you wish to speak to us please email us or the school office, who will pass on the message.

Best wishes,

Emma Mason and Richard Marchant