Dear Parents,

YEAR 3 – PLANS FOR AUTUMN FIRST HALF TERM

We have really enjoyed meeting and getting to know your children over the first few days of this new Autumn term. We endeavour to ensure that your children have a busy, challenging and fun year of learning in Year 3.

This letter sets out our plans for this half term. Please remember to check our Year 3 class blog for regular updates on activities and plans within class.

- **Reading** will be an important focus of the children’s learning and we expect all children to read every day outside school – even if it is just for 10 minutes – preferably with an adult at home. Books can be chosen from home or they can be borrowed from school. The children then need to write a brief note in their *Reading Record books*, perhaps to tell us something about the book that they are reading or what they thought of it, and then they need to hand this in each morning. We will look each day to see how the children are progressing and enjoying their reading. This is a good discipline for the children to get into, one which continues up the school, as well as a good way of encouraging regular reading to boost the children’s learning.

- In **Literacy**, we are currently reading *Ug* and our writing is based around this. We will be moving on to *Stig of The Dump*, which is another interesting book for your children to enjoy. We will also be ensuring that your children are following a regular programme of learning to improve spelling, grammar and punctuation.

- In **Maths**, we are focusing on ‘place value’ for much of this half term. Add and subtract numbers mentally, including: a three-digit number and ones; a three-digit number and tens; a three digit number and hundreds. Add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of column addition and subtraction. We will go on to teach the children how to solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.

- In **IPC** we began with a short topic called ‘Brainwave’, which has focused on how we can become better learners. Then, we will be following a unit of work called ‘Scavengers and Settlers’, also from the International Primary Curriculum. During this unit we will be teaching the children about the lives of people from Early Man to the Iron Age. This will include a trip to the local woods to build dens; art lessons inspired by cave paintings; cooking as Early Man would have and a very exciting visiting workshop about the Stone Age (at a small charge via Parent Pay – please look out for a further letter).
• Please note that PE for this term will take place on Monday afternoon (outdoor) and Wednesday morning (outdoor). Please ensure that your children have their PE kits in school on those days, including warm outdoor clothing such as jogging bottoms and trainers for the outdoor lesson.

• **Homework** will be given out every week on a Thursday, for the children to complete by the following Thursday. Homework will be given in the form of a ‘menu’: We expect the children to complete one task per week. We will be sending home a spelling list with the Year 3 and 4 Statutory spellings as well as the first 200 High Frequency words. Please choose 5 spellings each week to practice as there will be a spelling test each Friday. We will select 5 spellings at random. To help children learn their times tables, we will be sending home a pack which does not need to be brought back into school.

You are warmly invited to a **coffee morning** at school on **Wednesday morning 3rd October at 9.15am** where we can tell you a little more about plans in Year 3, and you can ask us any burning questions. We anticipate that the session will take about half an hour. If you have any bigger issues that you wish to discuss relating to your child, then we would always be happy to meet with you at a separate time to do so – just catch us at the door to make an appointment.

We are really looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Mrs Battle, Mrs Virani and the Year 3 team