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Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you and your family had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed the hot weather.

This letter details some of the information you will need to know for the coming year, if you have any further questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Topic ~ our topic for the next two terms is 'Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age'. A topic web is attached with this letter so that you have an overview of some of the things we will be doing. As part of our topic, we are hoping to walk to Stony Littleton Longbarrow this term, as well as organising a trip further afield after the October half-term holiday.

PE and Forest School ~ PE is taking place this year every Monday afternoon and Forest School is on alternate Tuesday afternoons for Years 2 and 3. Please make sure that children have the correct PE kit with them and that they have appropriate clothing for Forest School, particularly as the weather turns colder. Year 3 Forest School dates are 25th September, 9th October and 23rd October. Year 2 Forest School dates are 18th September, 2nd October and 16th October.

Show and Tell ~ the children are keen to carry on with the same Show and Tell routine that they had last year, so I will be beginning this over the next couple of weeks.

Homework and home learning expectations ~ Homework will be sent home on Wednesdays and will regularly consist of spellings and times tables or number bonds to practice. Spellings will be tested on the following Monday and the score recorded in homework books so that you can see how your child is doing. Please support your child with practising at home, suggestions to help with this will be sent out in the homework books. In addition, I will be sending out homework that is linked to our topic and covers a range of curriculum areas e.g. design and technology, science or maths. This homework will have a number of tasks that children choose four from to complete over the course of this term, the idea is that these tasks are open-ended and allow children to extend their learning and follow their own lines of enquiry. All four pieces should be completed and ready to hand in by Thursday, October 25th. Any individual pieces of work which are completed before will be marked if the books are handed into me. So that we can keep books updated with spellings and times tables, homework books do need to be in school on Mondays and Wednesdays, please.

Reading ~ Children make most progress in their reading if they read little and often. As a school, we expect children to be reading on a daily basis and, at this age, they should also be reading with an adult at

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least four times per week. Reading logs are checked daily and monitored, so please do make sure you write in them each time you read with your child and let us know when they have finished reading their book so that it can be changed.

Please do come and speak to me or Mrs Burge if you have any questions, worries or concerns about your child at any point this year and we will do our best to help.

Best Wishes
Mrs Phillips