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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Rosen Class! I hope you and your family had a lovely summer break. To our new Year 3 families, it's a pleasure to have you join us, and to our Year 4 families, it's wonderful to see you back. I feel very lucky to be teaching your children this year, and I am excited about the learning journey ahead. My aim is always to make our classroom a place where children feel safe, happy, and confident to do their very best.

We begin the year with our topic 'Tribal Tales', which will take us back to the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children will have the chance to explore how people lived, worked and created during these times. I know they will enjoy discovering how different life was in the past and making links with the world today.

LITERACY & CLASS BOOK:

Our class book this term is *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King. In literacy, we will be working with *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura, which will inspire both reading and writing activities connected to our topic. I am looking forward to seeing the children's imaginations shine in their writing.

MATHS:

In maths, we begin with place value, helping the children to build confidence with numbers and develop the skills that will support all their learning throughout the year.

SCIENCE:

In Science, our focus is Animal Nutrition. The children will explore what makes a balanced diet and learn about different food groups. We will also be asking questions about how animals survive and comparing how diets vary between different species.

R.E.:

In R.E., our big question is: How are different people inspired by the teachings of Jesus? We will explore parables, talk about miracles and their meaning, and reflect on the Beatitudes and the Greatest Commandment.

ART:

In Art, the children will be learning about Bell Beaker pottery. They will experiment with different clay techniques and create their own decorated pots, taking inspiration from the past.

HOMEWORK:

Homework will be set every Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. This helps reinforce what we are learning in class, and your support with this is always appreciated.

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READING:

I encourage all children to read every day for 15–20 minutes. Regular reading builds confidence, develops vocabulary, and supports their writing. Sharing books at home, whether your child is reading aloud or being read to, makes a huge difference.

P.E.:

P.E. will take place on Fridays (with Mr Andrews). Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on this day.

PUNCTUALITY:

The children have made a fantastic start by arriving on time and ready to learn. This makes such a positive difference to the day, and I thank you for your support in keeping this up.

SNACK:

Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack, such as fruit, for break time. Please also ensure they have a named water bottle that they can open and close independently, so they can stay refreshed throughout the day.

Playtime:

In KS2, football takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some children like to bring in their own footballs, which is great, but please make sure these only come in on those days.

Many children also enjoy bringing a small pocket toy to use for imaginative play at break. This can be a lovely way to spend time with friends. To keep things simple, we just ask that it's limited to one small item that can fit easily into their school bag.

CONTACT:

Please don't hesitate to come and see me before or after school if you have any questions or concerns. I am here to support both you and your child, and I want this year to be enjoyable, rewarding and successful for everyone. If you would prefer a longer conversation, the school office can help arrange a convenient time.

I am really looking forward to a happy and successful year with Rosen Class and to sharing all the children's achievements along the way.

Best regards,

Helen Kelly

Rosen Class Teacher