Dear Year Three parents,

It has been lovely to get to know your children in the past few days. Everyone has settled in well and learning is truly on the way. The theme in Year Three for this term is *Britain Rocks!*

In Science, we will study *Rocks, Soils and Fossils* in the first term, focusing on different types of rocks and their properties; rock formation and fossil formation. We will also look at the work of a pioneering palaeontologist and fossil collector, *Mary Anning* and carry out experiments using different soils. In the second term, we will study *Animals including Humans*, focusing on nutrition, skeletons and muscles.

In Geography, we will study *The United Kingdom* and look at the main cities and counties of the U.K., its rivers and mountains and the links between the UK and the rest of the Commonwealth.

In History, we will look at *The Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age*, focusing on the transition from hunter gather societies to early agriculture; key technological innovations (invention of iron, building of Stonehenge and Hillforts); study key changes in art, culture and religion (including the importance of the Druids) and compare our lives to the life of a typical child in the Bronze Age.

In Literacy, we will focus on *Stories from Other Cultures* and *Poems from Around the World* (inspired by our Commonwealth studies), *Non-chronological Reports on Football and Other Sports* (linking to our healthy bodies unit); *Humorous Poems*; *Stories by Michael Foreman* (including Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish) and Letters to Father Christmas. Our class books will *Healthy Eating, Bones and Bodies* and *Around the World in 80 Days*.

In Mathematics, we will study place value, partitioning, geometry, multiplication, mass and division.

In Art, we will study British Art, looking at the work of Paula Rego, Sonia Boyce, Lucian Freud and Howard Hodgkin.

In Design and Technology we will learn how to cook delicious and healthy meals.

In PSHE, we will work on *Health and Wellbeing* and *Safety and the Changing Body*.

In Computing, we will look at *Online Safety*, *Coding* and *Emails.*

In Music, we will study *Ballads* and develop *Singing Techniques.*

In PE, we will focus on Invasion Games. **PE days** are **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. On these days, please send your child into school wearing their PE kit. Please ensure you send some field shoes (old trainers) into school if you haven’t already done so. Water bottles should also come into school every day, already filled with water.

For information about **Forest School**, please read the separate letter I have sent you.

I am always happy to chat with parents or answer any questions after school.

Kind regards, Mrs Winterbottom