Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by welcoming you very much back into school and I hope you have had a safe and relaxing summer holiday. I am very excited to be Class 3’s teacher this year and looking forward to get to know them all individually, including their many talents!

As we know, many of the children have not been in school since March and therefore may be experiencing some anxiety about returning to school. During the first few weeks back at school, our main priority will be making sure the children feel happy, safe and confident and will be taking part in PSHE sessions which will focus on their mental and emotional wellbeing.

This term, we will be learning about the Stone Age and will cover a range of texts throughout. Some of these texts will include, ‘The Stone Age Boy’, ‘How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth’ and ‘Stig of the Dump’ and will link nicely to our history topic as well as some lovely written work within our English lessons.

In Maths, we will recap our key skills which include number bonds to 10 and 100, as well as multiplication and division facts before moving onto developing our place value skills of 3-digit numbers and using the formal written method to add and subtract 3-digit numbers.

It is so important that children read frequently, whether this may be a story book, comic strip, newspaper or even a set of game instructions! It is through reading that children will develop a range of vocabulary that they will encounter and use in later life. In school, we are continuing to follow guidelines and therefore reading books will not be sent home. Instead, children can access [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) at home alongside taking part in guided reading sessions in school.

Homework will look a little bit different this year and during this term we will be focussing on basic skills in both Maths and English. Details of this will follow in the upcoming weeks.

P.E. takes place on a Wednesday and Friday. We ask that the children come to school in their PE/ outdoor learning kit which includes their school P.E top, a school jumper, tracksuit bottoms and trainers. We are very lucky this year to have Scout-Ed on a Wednesday taking our learning outside. During these Wednesday sessions we be learning to become more resilient, independent and critical thinkers, sometimes our learning will be messy so we ask that your children come to school dressed in suitable warm clothing that you won’t mind getting messy e.g an old tracksuit and wellies. Please can you make sure that all of your child’s belongings are clearly labelled.

If you have any questions or worries, please don’t hesitate to contact me by using my school email address : j.brack300@durhamlearning.net .

I’m so excited to begin this learning journey with your children and watch them grow individually and academically.

Many thanks,

Miss Brack