



# Willenhall Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Autumn Term 2017- Year 3.

Welcome back for the Autumn Term 2017. The children have settled well and have particularly enjoyed our Humanities week where they developed their History skills and understanding of the Stone Age. Over the next term, we will be supporting children with the transition to Key Stage 2 and helping them mature as learners.

### Maths

We will continue to develop our children's skills in number work - particularly place value to 1000 and calculation skills involving all four rules: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue to develop our times tables skills both in learning at home and in school.

### Science

During their lessons, Year 3 will be learning about rocks and fossils – learning to ask Scientific Questions. After Half Term, their topic will be Light.

### Humanities

This half term our History topic is the Stone Age. The children will learn about how life was different back then and make comparisons between animals today and Prehistoric beasts. After half term, we will be learning about Marvellous Maps and developing our Geography skills.

### English

A key focus for this half term will be spelling and handwriting as this is a key part of the National Curriculum. We will be supporting children's development as readers through group reading and be exploring texts by a well-known author during our writing sessions.

### Computing

Children will learn how to use technology safely and how to report any concerns. We will also be creating a multi-media resource related to Geography and our local area.

### RE

In RE this term with Miss Solanki, the children will be developing our debating, questioning, reasoning and logic skills through our Philosophy curriculum.

### PSHE

Through our PSHE lessons, we will be exploring feelings – what they are and how to manage them.



*Ambitious young minds are the future leaders of our community*



### **Art & Design**

Pupils will develop a range of key skills in Art and Design with Miss Riat through exploring a wide range of media.

### **PE**

This term, all children will be taking part in swimming lessons every Friday in addition to their school based PE lessons.

### **Homework**

Children receive homework on a **Thursday** and need to return it the following **Wednesday**. There will be spellings to learn, arithmetic practise and grammar learning to do. The expectation is that **every child** hands their homework in on time to the expected standard.

### **Reading at Home**

We believe that **reading** is the **most important** skill children learn at school. It is expected that children read at home **at least four times a week**. The class with the **most pupils reading at home** will be rewarded with a **treat** each week. There are also **Bronze, Silver and Gold** awards to be won! If you would like to find out more about how to **help your child with their reading**, please come and have a chat with us. If parents fail to hear their child read at home, they will need to **attend a meeting** with our **Head Teacher** to support them with this.

We believe that children learn best when their parents/carers and teachers work closely together. Because of this, we are always happy to discuss your child's progress and well-being – just pop and see us at the end of the school day.

Miss Clark (3A) and Miss Coulson (3AL)