



Greatstone Primary School & Nursery

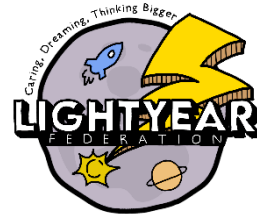
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Hello!

Welcome to a new school year.

It has been a pleasure to welcome your child back into school this week and it has been a pleasure teaching them.

During the Autumn term, our Project is **Through the Ages!**

This project teaches children about life from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This links with our two whole school themes in Autumn. **'Roots'** (term 1) when we'll try to answer the overarching question of who we are and where we belong; and **'Survivors'** (term 2) where we'll try to answer the question how people overcome challenges and adapt.

The school value we are highlighting in Autumn is **'Care'** and we have already created a class vision about what it looks like to care for one another and the classroom. Some of the things that are important to the children is that we look after belongings and create a calm space so everyone can learn. There are lots of class jobs to help reinforce the value of Care, for example Table Captains and Equipment Captains, Librarians and Learning Ambassadors. Jobs will rotate termly.

Other than going 'Through the Ages', children will also learn about **Forces** in Science, Quicksticks and Invasion Games in PE and How the Internet works in Computing. Our Art and Design Technology subjects are linked to our Project to reinforce learning and bring it to life. We will create stone age pots and cook some tasty food.

In **Maths** we are focussing on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. I will also put in place some catch up Multiplication sessions for children whose scores were below 20 correct on the MTC to ensure they are well prepared for when we are starting Multiplication, Division and Fractions in the Spring Term.

In **English**, we are going to write a poem, a diary entry based on our class book: Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver and a narrative based with the hook a discovery of a stone age cave.

Homework will remain the same as last year: daily reading, weekly spellings and termly KIRFs with a Project based piece of homework of your child's choice, linked to the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age.

At the end of Term 1, I would like to invite you (date to be confirmed) to come into school and look at the showcase the children will put together of their learning this term. Please keep an eye on classdojo for important dates.

I am really looking forward to working with you (again) this year.

If there are any concerns or questions, please contact me via email: smoutd@greatstoneschool.co.uk

Best wishes,

Mrs Danielle Smout