Dear Parent/Carer

**Year Three Autumn: Optional Homework Tasks**

Here are the optional homework tasks for this term. Please encourage your children to complete some of them. They have been carefully designed to extend your child’s learning and engagement in a variety of curriculum areas. Many tasks can be undertaken with parent/carer involvement as well. Please send any completed tasks in to be shared throughout the term or by **19th December 2019**. The optional tasks are designed to be completed in a creative way – there is no format to follow. They may include drawings, photographs, maps, own handwritten or typed text, etc.

If you have any questions, or are unable to access the internet at home, please speak to the class teacher. We hope you and your children enjoy these tasks. We look forward to seeing the amazing range of outcomes.

| Task 1: Science | Date completed: | Choose three types of rock/stone. See if you can find any facts about their properties on the internet. Describe what they are used for and why they are especially suited to their purpose. You could choose your own or choose from the following: marble, slate, flint, granite, chalk, sandstone. |
| Task 2: Science | Date completed: | Carry out a soil Investigation. First fill a quarter of a small empty water bottle with soil and then the rest of the bottle with water. Shake it well and leave to stand for a few days. What do you notice? What different layers can you see? Draw what you see and write down sentences to describe what you have observed. |
| Task 3: Topic | Date completed: | Research Skara Brae, a Stone Age settlement. Present the information you have found in an interesting way. You could create a poster, fact file or Powerpoint presentation. |
| Task 4: Topic | Date completed: | Find out information about a type of prehistoric house. Think about how it compares to the house you live in. Draw a picture of each house to show any similarities and differences. You could add labels to your pictures to identify the features and materials used. |
| Task 5: Music | Date completed: | See the attached words for the Harvest Songs for our Year Three Harvest assembly. Practise and learn the words, ready for our performance! This is the link for the Conkers song: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhebvq0O4GY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhebvq0O4GY) |
| Task 6: Art | Date completed: | Create your own ‘cave art’. Make up your own story, it can be about anything you like but tell it through pictures! You can use chalk, charcoal, or pastels. Think about the colours they would have used in the Stone Age. |
Task 7: Design and Technology
Date completed:
During the Stone Age, people lived in caves. If you had to live in a cave what would you like it to look like and what would be in it? Be as creative and imaginative as you like! Maybe you could build your own 3D cave to bring in! You can use a range of materials e.g. cardboard, paper, sticks etc.

Task 8: Design and Technology
Date completed:
Bake some rock cakes. Have a look at some different recipes and find one you think about the ingredients you would use. Perhaps you can take a photograph or draw a picture of the delicious end results.

Task 9: Writing
Date completed:
Stone Age people could not pop to the shops for food. Everything they ate had to be caught or collected. Write your own recipe for a Stone Age dinner using the sort of ingredients that would be available to them. This could include: berries, sunflower seeds, meat, nettles etc.

Task 10: Writing
Date completed:
Imagine you are a child in the Stone Age. Write a diary about a typical day. What would you do? What would life be like? What would you need to do to survive? You could write about hunting, making tools, cooking or playing games.