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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Lostledan! Over the coming weeks, the children will be adjusting to a new routine after a long period at home, whilst also getting used to a different way of life in school. Our school day has changed slightly, and our initial emphasis will be on reintegrating the children; ensuring that their wellbeing, mental and physical health are a priority. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via Class Dojo, and I will endeavour to offer my support, especially to the parents of our Year 1 children; for whom joining Lostledan will be a new experience.

This term, our immersive learning will be based on the topic: 'Stone Age to the Iron Age'. Throughout the Autumn term, we will learn about how life changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, looking at homes, farming and beliefs. We will engage in a range of creative projects; making stone and wooden tools, clothing for a story character and exploring cave markings. There are opportunities for us to visit some local historical sites, although these will heavily depend on COVID restrictions. As a school, we will be working alongside Mr Webb for our P.E. sessions, developing our physical literacy skills and participating in outdoor and adventurous activities.

In Literacy, our learning will stem from a fantastic book titled 'Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age'. In addition to this, we will explore writing for a range of purposes, including instructions, non-chronological reports, recounts and kennings. We will also use our reading spine to take inspiration from a range of texts. Our learning in Mathematics will be incorporated into our topic, as we master our skills in place value, addition and subtraction, shape and length and height. For more information about the specific learning opportunities for this topic, please find attached an overview document which displays our project outcomes. Also attached with this letter, is a copy of the ongoing tasks you might wish to work on at home.

Spelling Shed, Sumdog, Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars have a great impact on pupils who are accessing these regularly at home. As we do not set weekly homework, there is an expectation that these websites are used in order to assist pupils with their progress and outcomes. If you need reminding of login details for any of these accounts, please contact myself through the Class Dojo platform or Emma in the office via email. Our weekly spelling lists will be sent home for practising every Monday, to be tested in school on the following Monday. Reading at home is also of huge importance, and we would expect your child to read with an adult at home at least three times weekly. We will start afresh with our Reading Karate scheme and reading logs will be checked every Friday. The children will need their P.E. kits every Monday through to Friday.

I look forward to working alongside you to help your child achieve their potential this year.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

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