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Dear Parents

### **Mothecombe Class Information Letter**

Welcome to Mothecombe Class with Mrs Wilson and Miss Morgan. We are both very excited to be able to tell you about this term and the many exciting things we will learn in school.

### **Topic**

Our topic this term is Through the Ages. This topic explores British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancements. We will be exploring different materials in science and art. In Geography we shall be looking at famous landmarks and recreating some of them for a D&T project. We shall be engaging in debates, expressive art, presentations, and a variety of group work.

Let's step back in time, 2.5 million years ago and immerse ourselves in the everyday challenges that our ancestors faced for survival.

### **Maths**

We will continue to explore number in many ways, looking at place value and ensuring our knowledge of number is secure and fluent as we progress through the curriculum. Year 3 children will look at numbers, 100 to 1000; Year 4 children will look at numbers up to 10,000, developing strategies for addition, subtraction and multiples. We will also explore our maths outside and make links to the real world!

### **English**

We will explore narratives, poetry and non-chronological reports over the term, putting into practice, the basics of writing effectively, through developing our language and ideas to write more coherent sentences. We shall continue to develop our comprehension and word classes, revisiting phonic knowledge to consolidate understanding and confidence. Literacy lessons will have the opportunity to experience learning outdoors.

### **Reading**

We have a range of books from different publishers at present. Once we have checked their reading level, these books will begin to come home again. The home school diaries will start again and these are a great way to record your home reading with your child. Please record what you have read and provide any feedback which you feel will be helpful.

I'm pleased to inform you that we have a new reading/calm corner set up in the classroom. Children will have the opportunity to take their reading books to this area.



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## **Homework**

Homework will change slightly this term going forwards. You will receive a separate letter about MyMaths. This is a weekly structured homework programme which can be attempted on any online device. It provides instant feedback and marks the work once completed. The maths homework will be directly linked to what they have learnt that week in maths. Please do consider supporting your child each week as it will really aid their learning and understanding.

The topic home learning sheet will remain as well which allows children to engage further with their topic at home. We are trying to send home less paper and as a result, the homework sheet will be posted on the Showbie Platform. There is a new Mothecombe 21/22 class folder where the homework can be accessed as well as the spelling lists each week. The homework tasks can be completed on the Showbie platform using the forms or you can produce the work on paper or any other form and send it in to be celebrated. Don't be afraid to post videos and photos on the platform – we have seen some incredible efforts over the year!

We have setup all of our new children on Showbie and assigned the class already – all you need to do is login for the first time. Our class code is: 6PPCE. To login to Showbie, Google Showbie login and sign in. The username is your child's full name without any capitals or spaces, so Emily Smith would be emilysmith. For our new children the password is defaulted to holbeton but this can be changed after you first login.

## **General Class Structure**

As you know, our Forest School session takes place on a Monday afternoon (please make sure they arrive in outdoor clothes for the day ahead) and PE is taught on a Friday afternoon (again arrive for the day in PE clothes). Children will be taught in a variety of ways and we will use our outdoor space to provide enriched learning opportunities. We will encourage our children to take part in daily physical activity which will either take form of the daily mile or mindfulness. The daily mile will involve the children heading up to the newly built jog track where they can walk, jog or run around the track to keep themselves active. You may send your child in with trainers if they wish to change into them before going up.

As always, should you have any further questions, please catch one of us outside on the playground after school.

Kind regards,

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