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**Welcome to Year 3.** My name is Mrs Rushforth and I am a new teacher at Breckon Hill. I have really enjoyed getting to know all of the children during our first week. We have done lots of exciting activities to introduce the children to our new topic. I hope they have all enjoyed being back in school. I will be working alongside Mrs Moloney, please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions or concerns.

We are very happy to be back at school and are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

**Mrs Rushforth & Mrs Moloney**

### Keeping Healthy and safe

**Handwashing:** Children are asked to wash their hands when they come to school and regularly throughout the schools day.

**Water bottles:** Children may bring a water bottle to school. They will take it home to be washed and refilled daily.

### Learning

**Our new topic is The Stone Age.** The children will be learning about what life was like for the first people to live in Britain. The children will learn from the past is from a range of sources e.g. cave paintings. They will use this information to learn about how early humans hunted their own food and built their own houses.

**Our Science topic is rocks and soils.** The children will be comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and physical properties. They will learn how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and they will recognise that soils are made from rock and organic matter.

### PE

PE kits: White t-shirt, black shorts and PE shoes, are needed in school. WE can help with PE kits, just let us know. Our class PE sessions are on a Wednesday and Friday. This half term we will be learning how to play Basketball.

### Reading books

Your child will be bringing home their reading books as usual. Please continue to read at home with your child as much as possible and sign their reading record. Their book and reading record need to be in school every day.

### How parents can help

Please ensure that your child attends regularly and on time, so that we can make the most of every day. Help your child with their times tables each night and if possible, listen to them read each night. Thank you for your support.

