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Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome back after the summer holidays! We have a great term ahead of us, with many exciting activities planned.

Literacy: This term we will be practicing our reading skills and reading many books including Cliff-hanger, as well as short stories and poetry which will be used to help us deliver the national curriculum effectively. In Year 3, we will be addressing all the curriculum areas with additional emphasis on the areas which are essential. This term we will be focusing on using age-related punctuation, writing for a purpose and improving our cursive handwriting.

Reading: Children should be reading on a regular basis as it remains important throughout Key Stage 2 and your support in reading will aid your child's development. It is important to discuss the book with your child and for your child to try and unpick what is happening, how the characters may feel and also why the author chose the style and vocabulary used. Children are expected to read **at least 3 times** a week, please sign and date your child's reading diary and write a comment if necessary. Reading diaries will be checked on a Friday. It is important, however, that your child brings their reading diary and reading book into school **every day**. In KS2, children will gain independence with their reading and develop their love of reading. If your child has not read and had their diary signed 3 times, they will spend some time on a Friday break time reading in class.

Numeracy: We will begin the term with place value, moving on to addition and subtraction and multiplication and division by the end of the term. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times table facts, therefore **practising at home is vital**. A great way for the children to practice their times table skills is through the use of online games such as: Times Table Rockstar and Hit the Button. The homework given to the children should reflect the work that they do in school and be used as consolidation.

History: This term we will start off by looking at The Stone Age, where the children will develop their chronological understanding and their concept of change over time. They will look at Stonehenge and why it is a special place even in today's society.

Geography: The children will begin the Autumn Term by looking at the United Kingdom. They will answer the question "Is the UK the same everywhere?". They will learn to identify the countries, capitals and the surrounding seas of the UK through the use of mapwork. The children will also look at where there are rivers, mountains and hills in the UK.

PE: Children will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday in the first half term. I would ask that the children have a **P.E kit at school every day** as we often have additional lessons throughout the year. Wednesday's PE lesson for the whole of Autumn Term is swimming, therefore they will need to bring their swimming kit on this day. They will need: a swimming costume/ swimming shorts, a towel and a swimming cap. Children can bring goggles if desired. Swimming instructors request that children must wear a full swimsuit rather than a two-piece (bikini).

Homework: On a Friday, children will receive their homework and it is expected to be handed in on Wednesday. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and return it in on time.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Many thanks

Miss Walton

