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Year 3 class newsletter.

WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR
SUMMER BREAK FROM MRS
HOGAN AND MRS GILL

Welcome to the new school year, after the long summer break. We are very pleased to be teaching this lovely year 3 class - they are a delightful group of children, and are extremely eager to learn. We see that some of you have already been busy over the holidays, working with your children on our Geography topic for this term. Keep up the good work, and thank you for your support. Rivers is a great topic to start the year with!

The Year Ahead

In the coming year, we look forward to getting to know the children, and helping them learn and develop in a supportive, happy environment. We are sure that together we can help them to reach their full potential, and we believe this is the most important and most rewarding aspect of teaching.



IT'S THUMBS UP FOR AN EXCITING
YEAR AHEAD FROM ALL OF YEAR 3



Important days: *Swimming on Tuesday and PE (outdoor) on Thursday.*

Homework out Friday and returned Wednesday.

Spellings out Monday and tested the following Monday

REMEMBER: *Reading diaries must be in school every day and children need to read to you at least 4 times per week.*

THE CURRICULUM

*TOPIC: We will be learning about how rivers are formed and we will study some of the main rivers in the UK. We will also focus on the water cycle and the importance of water in our lives. This topic will be taught against the back ground of a big question: **Do humans live in harmony with the earth?** We will discuss issues such as pollution, climate change and deforestation, and consider the need to preserve our Earth's unique environment.*

ENGLISH: We will be focusing on explanation texts and narrative writing, which we will be linking with our topic work. In addition to this, we will have focused spelling and grammar sessions.

MATHS: We are starting with the topic of measurement, focusing on length and perimeter. The children will learn to tell the time. It would help greatly if your child had an analogue watch to practise on. We will also do some work on number and place value.

SCIENCE: The children will be learning about animals and humans. We will look at the importance of proper nutrition, and finding out how different parts of the body have different functions.

RE: The children will discuss Hinduism and reflect on 'Big Questions' relating to religion and their own lives. Our Christian value this term is 'Respect'.

Homework

Maths and Literacy(or RE) will be sent home on alternate Fridays and are due in the following Wednesday. Tasks will relate to learning the children have done in class. Please support them and **make sure they return their homework books by Wednesday each week.** This is really important as it gives us time to mark the work, and set new homework. Children who do not return homework on Wednesday will have to stay in Thursday lunch time to complete it.

Spellings will be given out on Mondays for testing the following Monday. Word lists will contain specific spelling patterns, as well as words from the National Curriculum Spelling Lists for Year 2 and Year 3/4.

Reading should be done at home at least 4 times a week. It is important the children understand any new vocabulary that they come across and comprehend what the text is about, so ask them lots of questions! Don't forget to sign their homework diary too. We need to see evidence that they have read to you at home.

Times Tables: In Year 3, children need to learn their 3, 4 and 8 **multiplication tables** and revise their 2s, 5s and 10s.