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Year 3 Class Newsletter.

WELCOME BACK FROM HALF TERM, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT LAST TERM, FROM MRS HOGAN AND MRS GILL.

We have had a productive first term, and we have an exciting term ahead, with our Mayan topic and the lead up to Christmas. Your children have now all settled in to Year 3 and they are a very special class who are a delight to teach! Thank you for your support with homework and other school activities, and special thanks for all the homework projects. Keep up the good work - it all contributes to your children's bright future!

Your assistance in hearing your child read frequently, at least 4 times per week, is appreciated and is very necessary. Remember, asking questions about the text improves comprehension and inference skills.

In general, it is very beneficial to show an interest in what your child has been studying at school, and to encourage them to do some extra work or research at home. Thanks to all of you who are doing this already!

THE CHILDREN ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT OUR MAYAN TOPIC



Important days: Outdoor PE & Basketball on Wednesday and indoor PE(dance) on Friday. Children should come to school, in their full PE kit, on Wed & Friday.

Weekly homework will be sent home on Friday to be returned the following Wednesday for marking. The homework will complement work done in school. Spellings will be sent home on Friday and tested the following Thursday. Children will bring reading books home on Monday, and need to read to you at least 4 x a week to improve fluency, understanding and inference skills.

Any queries, please email or telephone the school office, and we will get back to you.

THE CURRICULUM

TOPIC: Our big question this term is "Why did Mayans create art?" We will be learning about the ancient Mayan civilization and where Mayan settlements existed. We will focus on the daily lives of the Mayans and will learn about Mayan gods. We will look at the Mayan culture and how important different forms of art were in their society.

ENGLISH: We have started the term off with a unit on Myths & Legends. We will then move onto Newspaper reports, based on a book called 'Rain Player'. Also this term, we will explore a narrative dilemma based on 'The great Kapok tree'. We will continue to have focused spelling and grammar sessions as well as guided reading sessions.

MATHS: Our 1st topic is Addition and Subtraction up to 3 digits. To help with this topic, the children should regularly practise their number bonds to 20 at home! The children will also learn to add and subtract amounts of money, using pounds and pence. We will end the term with some Geometry: recognizing & naming 2D & 3D shapes.

SCIENCE: The children will be learning about forces and magnets. They will carry out investigations to identify magnetic materials and to see how magnets attract or repel each other.

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

Reminders

Homework will be set and reviewed weekly. Please support your child and **make sure they complete the work set on a weekly basis.**

You will find the link for the class padlet on Year 3's class page if you wish to share any work. **Spellings** will be sent home but will also be posted on the class page. They will be issued on a Friday for testing the following Thursday. 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:** Reading books will be sent home on a weekly basis, ie: they will go home on a Monday to be returned Friday, where they will be quarantined over the weekend. It is important the children understand new vocabulary and comprehend what the text is about, so ask them lots of questions. Don't forget to sign their homework diary too as evidence that they have read to you (at least 4 x per week). The reader of the week will be selected from those who are reading regularly at home.

Writing: We also have a writer of the week for writing completed in and out of school. And of course, each week we select a **Star of the Week** for good work or behaviour.

Times Tables: In Year 3, children need to learn their 3, 4 and 8 **times tables** and revise their 2s, 5s and 10s. They can practise this at home using TT Rockstars; which they all have their own log ins for.