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Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer Term 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome back after the Easter 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 Pandora's Box and Hodgeheg, 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**.

Numeracy: We will begin the term with fractions, moving on to time, properties of shape and mass & capacity. 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, Mathletics and Hit the Button. The homework given to the children should reflect the work that they do in school and be used as consolidation.

Science: In Summer 1, the children will be studying plants. The children will be learning about the functions and parts of a plant, ways in which water is transported within plants and the life cycle of a plant. In Summer 2, the children will be studying forces and magnets. The children will learn about how things move on different surfaces, about magnetic forces, everyday materials and why magnets attract and repel. Throughout both units the children will take part in a wide range of practical investigations.

History: This term we will start off by looking at Ancient Greece, where the children will develop their chronological understanding and their concept of change over time. They will look at how the Greeks shaped the world we live in today.

Geography: The children will be focusing on the North East of England. They will answer the question "Why is the North East so special?". The children will learn about special landmarks, human and physical features, items made in the North East and about rivers. There will also be a great emphasis on geographical skills such as: using OS maps, asking questions, annotating photographs and fieldwork.

PE: Children will have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday. 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 Summer 1 is swimming, therefore they will need to bring their swimming kit on this day. However, in Summer 2 they will be doing gymnastics at the Pink Gym.

Homework: On a Friday, children will receive their homework and it is expected to be handed in on Wednesday. It will usually consist of one literacy or numeracy piece. 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

