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Dear Year 3 parents,

Welcome back to school for another exciting year!

Our curriculum this academic year is:

SUBJECT	TERM 1
Science	Light
Computing	Online Safety, Touch Typing, Espresso Coding
Art	Sculpture Famous designer and architect: Gaudi
D.T.	Pneumatics: design and make a toy
Music	Unit: Let Your Spirit Fly Unit: Glockenspiel Stage 1
R.E.	What do Christians learn from the Creation story? What is it like for someone to follow God?
History	Stone Age and Iron Age
Geography	Polar Regions: Arctic and Antarctic
French	Phonetics, I'm Learning French, Animals
P.E.	Swimming/Dance T1 Rugby Indoor Athletics and SAQ

In English, we will focus on developing a variety of skills through writing lessons and book studies, including grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will use Reading Plus to enhance comprehension and reading skills for those children ready to progress with this. Others will be completing their Little Wandle programme first. Additionally, our class novel will provide opportunities for shared reading and thoughtful discussions about the text.

In maths, we will be following the National Curriculum as well as working on arithmetic skills every morning. We will be targeting aspects of maths that the children are less secure in, such as times tables, number bonds and place value. In Y4, pupils take part in a multiplication tables check (MTC). This is a statutory assessment which was introduced by the Government for all Year 4 pupils in England. It is vital that children practise their times tables regularly at home. This will provide a strong foundation for the more advanced concepts that the children will encounter as they move further up the school.

Spellings

A copy of all spellings for the half term will be sent home. These spellings are based on the Year 3/4 National Curriculum list. Children will be tested every Friday in school using the Ed Shed app. They will have opportunities to practise their spellings in school and are also encouraged to continue learning at home. Each week, games are set on Ed Shed to make practising their spellings fun and interactive, these can be accessed at home using their log in details. In addition to the specific words, children will explore different spelling patterns to become even stronger spellers.

Homework

Homework will be given out on Tuesday each week to be handed in the following Monday. Inside the homework book, you'll find a grid with a variety of activities for children to choose from. Your child should complete one activity per week. We understand that there may be times when your child is unable to complete their homework. If this happens, please write a brief note in their homework book to let us know.

Further to this, we also ask that you continue to read regularly with your child and make any comments in their reading record. The fortnightly 'reading raffle' will continue through the year once again. To earn a raffle ticket, children must have their reading record signed at least four times by an adult during the week. One session at home on Reading Plus can be counted. Each class will then draw a winner during our celebration assembly, with the lucky reader choosing a book prize. As an extra incentive, those who receive a reading ticket will gain 15 minutes extra play at the end of the day on Friday. Those who have not, will gain an extra 15 minutes on Reading Plus.

P.E.

The children will be required to come to school in their PE kits on their various PE days, see below. PE kits include; white t-shirts/black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and school jumper and trainers. For PE lessons, children with earrings should either remove them before the lesson or ensure they are securely covered with appropriate tape.

P.E. lessons will take place on:

Y3 Miss Cook - Wednesdays

Y3 Miss Snowden - Mondays

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled on children's uniform, P.E. kits, coats, shoes, trainers etc. We have a huge number of items that are put in lost property, but are unable to be returned to their rightful owners.

Quick summary

	Due in/completed Please note: Reading books can be changed any day	Homework
Monday	• Homework in • PE (Miss Snowden)	• 1 homework task • 4 x reading • Spellings • Times tables
Tuesday	• Change library books • Homework books sent home	
Wednesday	• PE (Miss Cook)	
Thursday	• Y3 library lunchtime	
Friday	• Reading records handed in • Spelling test	

Thank you in advance for your support and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Parent/teacher consultation dates are Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October.

We look forward to working with you all!

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team