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Dear Parents

Hello and welcome to Year 3!

I just wanted to let you know some key information about Year 3 and what we will be studying in the coming term.

Accompanying this letter is our autumn term topic web with an outline of some of the things your child will be learning. Many of our lessons link across the curriculum as we find children learn better this way.

Early bird Activities

When your child arrives in the classroom they are given an activity to undertake. This is an important part of the day as it settles the class and provides a calm start so that they are ready to learn. It also provides a steady routine; providing small independent pieces of work that reinforce previous learning.

Reading/Book changes

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of sharing books with your child at home. Year 3 children will be able to change their reading books on a Monday and/or a Friday and they will bring home two books at a time. They are rewarded with a sticker on their bookmark when they have read 5 books. When the child has filled the bookmark they take it home to keep. Please start/carry on listening to your child read daily as it will enable them to access the rest of the curriculum more confidently and is an essential lifelong skill to have. The variety of texts they read is also important so please encourage your child to read short stories, non-fiction, poetry and plays.

PE

PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday and will be taught by Mr Kent, a specialist PE teacher. They will study a range of different sports and skills over the course of the year. As the days get colder your child can wear dark coloured jogging bottoms/leggings and a dark coloured tracksuit top/sweatshirt.



Collection

If your child is going home with another parent could you let the office know in the morning by email or phone to ensure that all children are going home with the correct adults.

Library

The children will be able to take books home from the library once a week. This will be starting in the next couple of weeks and will be on a Tuesday. Please remind your child to bring their library book back to school each Tuesday. Sadly we have lost many books over the last few years which as you can imagine is a costly affair.

Spellings

Your child will bring home spellings to learn every Friday. The spellings will relate to either the national curriculum list of spellings for this age group or to a topic that we are studying. Please encourage and support your child in the learning of these spellings. If you have any difficulties with this or want more ideas on how to teach spellings at home then please ask. On a Friday morning there will be a dictation lesson where children put these spellings learned into sentences. Your child will then be given new spellings to learn for the following week.

Times tables

As part of the Year 3 curriculum children are required to learn their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Times tables should be worked on at home to help children with this key lifelong skills, for this half term it will include the 3 times table as a focus— children will be working on these in lessons and occasionally a piece of extra homework will come home to help practice these.

Home Learning

All home learning will be put onto Purple Mash for the children to complete. New learning and activities will be set on a Thursday each week under 2dos on Purple Mash, please could you make sure your child has clicked on the hand-in button on via Purple Mash by Wednesday evening.

This Term

We will be studying the Romans. During this topic we will be looking at Roman art; children will design and create their own mosaics. We will look at how the Romans became powerful and how they have influenced much of our lives today. During Geography we will study Mount Vesuvius in depth and the devastation it caused when it erupted. Throughout this topic we will look at a variety of different texts and stories to extend our learning within English; these will include the story of Romulus and Remus, a Recount of a Gladiator and a variety of Roman Myths. Within Science we will look at animals; the animals that were used for different purposes during the Roman times.

French

In Key Stage 2 the children will begin studying French. This term we will look at words and their meanings and explore these through different rhymes and songs.

Forest School

Across this term we will be looking at Romans through the use of materials we can find in the school field and making sure we stay safe using a range of tools. We also have a

new bell tent on the field which we will be using for Forest School activities which is very exciting.

Water bottles

Just a reminder please that your child needs to have a water bottle in school each day. This is kept in the classroom so that they can drink when they need to.

Labelling clothing

Please remember to label all of your child's school clothing as we understand how expensive it is to replace. It is so much easier for clothing to be identified and returned to its rightful owner when named.

Large Backpacks

Due to all of the children's belongings staying in the classroom during the day can we ask that children only bring small bags in to hold their belongings. They will need their book bag, water bottle, snack and lunch box for the day but we are finding that large unflexible bags are taking up a lot of much needed space.

We are looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

If you have any problems or queries then please let us know.

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Year 3 Class Teacher