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Welcome to Year 3! We are delighted to have the children back and I would just like to say what a great impression the children have already made in their first weeks back at school. They have settled straight back into working hard and I am sure they will do very well and really enjoy being in KS2. The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed about the work your child will be doing this term and to ensure you are aware of the class routines and procedures.



RE

This year we are embarking on a new RE Curriculum called Source to Summit: Lighting the Path. Each term covers a different theme. In the first half term we will be learning about Creation and Covenant. This looks at how God made humans in his image and likeness and how this means we should look after others and the planet – all of God's creations. In the second half term, we will study Prophecy and Promise. In the lead up to Christmas, we will learn about the prophecy of Jesus' coming and his arrival to Mary and Joseph.



English

Our writing this term will be focused on reinforcing the basics of grammar in order to write interesting and accurate sentences – which must all have a subject and a verb. This will also include capital letters, full stops and a big focus will be on good, neat handwriting. We will also be using a range of texts to explore 'Talk for Writing' and drama this term and incorporating this into our literacy lessons to develop rich vocabulary and story writing skills.

Maths

Maths this term will include place value, column addition and subtraction, multiples of 10/100 and much more! During these units we will be developing mental strategies and written strategies to encourage independent problem solving skills. Times table focus in the Autumn term will be reinforcement of 2s, 5s, and 10s and will work on problem solving using these multiplication facts.



Science: 'Forces and Magnets' and 'Animals and Humans'

PE: Swimming and Invasion Games

Geography: Extreme Earth

History: Stone Age to Iron Age (school trip in September to support learning and understanding)

RSHE: Friendships and Relationships, Zones of Regulation

Art: Prehistoric Art

DT: Making Volcanoes

Computing: Word processing and presentation

French: We will build confidence in speaking a new language and focus on greetings, colours and numbers

Reading

Please make sure your child is reading regularly at home, for at least 20 minutes a night. This can then be recorded each day in their reading diary. Rewards will be given for the regular readers. We will remind the children to change their books when they come in first thing in the morning, but please also remind them if they seem to have had a book longer than is necessary. We have been reviewing our books so that your children are selecting a book they enjoy and are reading for pleasure.



Homework

- Daily reading – Children will bring two books home (a leveled reading book and a library book they have chosen for pleasure) and a reading diary. Can you please fill this in when your child has read. We will check the diaries every Monday and record how many times children have read. Badges, certificates and rewards will be received for regular readers.
- Maths / Times tables practice – Each week children must log onto TTRS and complete 15 minutes of times table activities and challenges. We will check this each Friday and rewards will be given. There are lots of websites and off-line games that children can use too to support their learning. Occasionally, other homework tasks may be set that link to other areas of the curriculum.



Uniform

Remember that children can wear the summer uniform (named please) now. On PE days, children can wear their PE kits. They can leave a named hat at school for sunny days as well as labelled sun cream which they can apply themselves (no aerosols please) and we advise applying some before school. Sunglasses should only be worn if a medical condition/prescription requires this. Please ensure that your child is dressed smartly and always has the correct uniform on. School shoes are to be worn and not trainers. Long hair needs to be tied back. No jewellery is to be worn. If you have any questions, please ask.



Attendance



It is vital that your child is in school every day and only off if they are really unwell. Children need to be punctual to school as we start learning as soon as the children arrive at **8.45am**. Any child arriving after 9.00am has already missed 15 minutes learning and often feel anxious as everyone else is already in class and has started their learning for the day.

Snack time

Water and fruit: Children should have a bottle of water in school. In Year 3, children can bring their own fruit snack for break time. Please remember we are a nut free school.

As always, please contact me if you have any concerns or queries about your child. I look forward to seeing you all again at parents' evening in March.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Whyte

