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**WHERE LEARNING HAS NO LIMITS**

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Dear Parents

As we start the new term here is a curriculum overview of the topics we will be covering in year 3.

Maths	We will continue to develop number skills in the four operations, introducing more detailed multiplication and division. Children will be using times tables 2-10 and will be learning to apply their times table knowledge to solve division and multiplication problems. We will be completing weekly times table challenges. Later this term the children will also extend their study of length, mass and volume. <i>Please encourage your child to become familiar with reading different kinds of scales and recipes; looking at units of weight and mass on food packaging etc as this will help them understand the concepts taught in class in a real-life context.</i>
Literacy	We will be studying Myths & Legends, poetry and writing instructions. The children will continue to focus on spelling strategies, vocabulary & grammatical awareness. We will be focussing on reading comprehension during our guided reading sessions.
Science	We will soon be learning about rocks soils and fossils. Later in the term we will be studying Growing plants and how important plants are to humans.
Geography	We will be studying climate zones and weather around the world. The children will complete a mini-project looking at one European country in detail and comparing it to the UK.
History	We will be learning about the Invaders and settlers from Romans to Vikings. We will begin with the Romans and are hoping to a visiting 'Roman experience day' later in the term.
Music	The children will continue with learning the recorder.
RE	The children will be learning about different key festivals and rites of passage.
Art and D.T	We will be creating portraits which show different relationships between groups of people; as well as using our History focus to make Roman-style crafts and artefacts.

**HOMEWORK:**

- Reading (daily) **Record all reading in reading record books as a tick or initial.**
- Spellings (weekly list to be practised through repeated writing and using in sentences. To be set on Wednesday, tested following Wednesday)
- Times tables (Practise at home daily)
- English (Set on Monday for that Friday)
- Maths (Set Friday for following Wednesday- unless stated otherwise)
- Occasional tasks from other subjects.

Homework is expected to be handed in by the due day. If there are unforeseen circumstances why the homework cannot be completed by the due day then please can you write a note in the homework book. PLEASE ensure the homework book is sent in each day.

It is important that your child adopts a positive attitude to their learning and understands the necessity to keep to deadlines.



### **PE/GAMES:**

A full PE/Games kit should be in school at all times.

Children should have a white tee shirt, black shorts, socks and plimsolls for indoor PE. Please check size of plimsolls & trainers as the children's feet are constantly growing.

For outdoor Games the kit is a school rugby shirt (please check size of neck opening as they are often a very tight fit).black/navy jogging bottoms, socks and trainers. All fully named please.

Any children with ear-rings should remove them on PE days or cover them with medical tape. It is essential that the child knows how to remove & insert their own ear-rings as staff are not permitted to do this for them.

Games and PE lessons are on Tuesday and Wednesday this term.

Children attending sports clubs should bring additional kit.

### **MORNING PLAYTIME:**

Please encourage your child to bring fruit or raw vegetable to eat at morning playtimes. This will help maintain their concentration and energy levels until lunchtime.

### **WATER BOTTLES:**

Please ensure your child has a small, clear, named water bottle in school. The children keep them in the classroom and are freely accessible throughout the day. Bottles can be purchased from the school office. Only water is allowed, no squash.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

It is important that the children have the correct equipment in school at all times. The children need pencils, a rubber, handwriting pen (once a pen license is earned), ruler.

Optional extras may include a small selection of coloured pencils, sharpener and glue stick in a small pencil case. If possible please name the items. I would appreciate rubbers and pencil sharpeners are **NOT** the novelty type as they are often too much of a distraction during lessons. Homework and reading books should travel between home and school every day.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to come and see me, the end of the day is more preferable than the morning if possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs S Middleton**