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Year 3 Autumn Term

Welcome back to the new school year and I hope that you have all had a lovely summer break! It's great to see everyone back and enthusiastic to start their learning for the year. With the children now in Key Stage 2, the children are no longer provided with a free piece of fruit. Please may I ask that your child is sent in with a healthy snack for their break time.

As a class for the first three days of term, we enjoyed creating art inspired by nature as part of the school's Art week. We created artwork inspired by landscapes and the sea. It was wonderful to see the children immerse themselves with the drawing and painting aspect of the activities.

This term we will be learning about the changes from the Stone age to the Iron age in history whilst in science, we will be focusing on the topics of Rocks and Soil as well as Humans, Animals and Nutrition. In English we will be studying the BFG to learn about narrative writing and Portia Spiders to write a non-chronological report. We will be focusing on 'Into the Forest' and 'Mulan' for shared reading. In maths, we will be working on place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) using 3-digit numbers. In addition to these subjects, the children will also be taught music, art, PSHE, PE, computing, RE, French, spellings and handwriting.

In Year 3, the children will receive one piece of homework weekly as well as a list of spellings to learn which may be linked to the spelling rule we have covered in the week or some of the common exception words from our year group list. Practicing the spellings at home will help consolidate the children's knowledge of the spellings that they are required to apply into their writing. In addition to this, we ask parents/carers to listen to your child read at least four times per week. Please record this in their Reading Record and sign it. Records will be collected in and progress monitored on a weekly basis. We also encourage children to log onto Purple Mash (Monster Multiplication) or Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) to practice their times tables. All the children's logins have been stuck into the front of their Reading records for you to access. If you need any guidance on how to access Purple Mash or Times Table Rockstars, please come and speak to me. The children will be given their homework every Friday and it will need to be handed in to be marked on the following Thursday.

With times tables, the expectation is that by the end of Year 3, the children should be able to recall fluently their x3, x4 and x8 times tables. This term we will be focusing on securing our x2, x5 and x10 tables first before moving onto the next group of tables. Please support your child with learning their tables as this is an extremely important part of the maths curriculum as the children will be using this piece of knowledge frequently as they move up the school.

PE

Your child should wear PE kit to school on Tuesday and Wednesday and they should wear a school jumper with it, not a hoodie or other sweatshirt. We take children outdoors for PE in all weathers, so please make sure your child's PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, dark coloured shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Dark coloured jogging bottoms for the winter. If your child wears earrings to school, please provide tape to cover and protect their ears, or teach your child to take them out or ideally not wear them on PE days.

I am looking forward to working alongside you and your children this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself at the classroom door or via email (year3@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support,
Miss Mapleston.