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Year 3 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to Year 3

Topic Focus	Dynamic Earth
Subject	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
English/Literacy	<p>The whole class texts that we will be using this term are: Leon and Bob Princess Pigsty Pompeii</p> <p>Children will learn how to describe different characters and settings. They will learn about different word classes and using a range of prefixes. In addition, they will also write in a range of genres and have a variety of opportunities for speaking and listening. They will also be developing their understanding of grammar and sentence structure.</p>
Maths	<p>This term, children will be deepening their understanding of place value. Some of the objectives we will cover include ordering three digit numbers, reading and writing three digit numbers, identifying 10/100 more and less than a given number and identifying the value of each digit in a three digit number. We will also be exploring expanded methods for column addition and column subtraction. Children will be given lots of opportunities to apply these concepts in problem solving situations.</p>
Science	<p>Our topic for the first half term is Rocks and Soils. Children will have the opportunity to classify and explore different rock samples. They will devise investigations to test the hardness of different rocks and explore suitable uses for different rocks. Throughout this topic, children will be given lots of opportunities to develop their scientific enquiry skills.</p> <p>In the second half of the Autumn term, we will be learning about forces and magnets and will develop our investigative skills.</p>
RE	<p>Children will have the opportunity to learn about different Saints with particular emphases on the Patron Saints.</p>
Computing	<p>During this term, we will revisit the topic of e-safety. Children will be reminded of the importance of keeping themselves safe in the digital world. They will also be exploring different search engines for research purposes.</p>
PSHE	<p>This term's focus is beginning and belonging. Children have already created their class charters and thought about making people feel welcome. We will also spend time thinking about strategies to cope when we experience a new situation.</p>
Art and DT	<p>In Art, we will be exploring the work of the Japanese Artist Hokusai creating our own volcano artwork. We will also develop our drawing skills with a focus on drawing facial features and portraits.</p>
History and Geography	<p>We will be having a geographical focus this term. Children will learn about the location of earthquakes and volcanoes, how they are formed and how they impact upon the communities living nearby.</p>
Music	<p>As musicians we will learn a harvest song to perform in the harvest assembly. We will be exploring different rhythms and pulses and composing music.</p>

PE	Our outside P.E. for the autumn term will be multi-skills. Children will develop their agility, hand eye co-ordination and ability to work as a team. Our inside PE will be creative dance and gymnastics. Children will have the opportunity to develop their rhythm, balance and co-ordination.
Modern Foreign Languages	Children will have their first taster of learning Spanish. This will involve learning basic conversational phrases, the names of number and colours.
Visits	Natural History Museum on Thursday 10 th November 2016. This visit will support our learning about volcanoes, earthquakes, rocks and soils.

Important Dates Autumn 1

Tuesday 20 th September 15:40 or 18:00	Meet the teacher
Wednesday 21 st September	Individual photos
Wednesday 28 th September	PTA AGM
Friday 14 th October	Cake Friday
Tuesday 18 th October	Consultation meetings
Thursday 20 th October	Consultation meetings
Monday 24 th October- Friday 28 th October	Half- term

Homework

More information to follow next week.

P.E. days/kits

P.E. for year 3 will be on a Thursday, but please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day as this allows us to be flexible and to embed these skills across the curriculum.

Inside P.E. - a white t-shirt, dark shorts, trainers or plimsolls

Outside P.E. - trainers, a white t-shirt, dark shorts, a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms as it can get very cold in the autumn term.

No jewellery except stud earrings and watches should be worn in school and these must be removed for all P.E. activities. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please provide tape for them to tape them up. Long hair should be tied back.

Parental Help

Parental help is always greatly appreciated in school. If you are able to offer regular or occasional help, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Reading

Now that children are in year 3, they will be introduced to Accelerated Reader (AR). This is an online system where children take quizzes on the books that they have read. Children will be given AR targets to try and meet. When they reach these targets, they will be given a certificate and can help their class to earn rewards. New targets will then be set again in the Spring Term. Children will be given plenty of opportunity to complete the quizzes at school, so they are asked not to complete them at home. Even though children may wish to increasingly read independently now that they are in year 3, we do still encourage you to read with your child. Children can of course read books that are not on the AR system, but if you would like to check whether books you have at home are part of AR you can use the following website or search for Accelerated Reader Book Find UK.

<http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx>

We will be happy to answer any questions about AR during the meeting on the 20th September, but if you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact Mrs. Hammond (3 Willow) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. Hammond, Mrs Wood and Mrs Dris.