



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new school year and we hope everyone has had a very good break.

We have very much enjoyed meeting and teaching the new Year 3 this week. Everyone seems to have settled into life in Key Stage 2 effortlessly, getting used to the new regime and sorting themselves out independently, meeting up with friends they have not seen for a while and enjoying each others company.

It is a busy and term ahead and there is much to cover in all areas of the curriculum. Numeracy and Literacy are timetabled to be taught every day and we will cover a range of topics. In Numeracy we work in 'blocks', the first one is number, place value and calculations, followed by shape, handling data and measures. In Literacy we will be looking at stories with familiar settings, writing non fiction texts and having a go at some performance poetry. We will continue the focus on basics such as sentence construction, punctuation and grammar.

Our Science theme is plants and their requirements for growth which will include practical experiments and starting to grow some vegetables in and out of the classroom amongst other activities. We will investigate the effect of the season on plants and set up experiments.

ICT lessons this term will focus on handling databases as well as graphic design. We will be studying World War 2 as part of the History curriculum and hope to use this as a stimulus for art, where we will also be practising various drawing techniques. The church buildings and places of worship will be the focus in R.E.

PE and Games will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. The appropriate kit is essential, to include trainers and a warm top and track suit bottoms for outside activities. Please can these be in school as soon as possible. Hair needs to be tied back securely and all jewellery removed.

Homework this year will include: spellings (given out on a Tuesday for a test the following week), a guided reading activity (will be given on the day your child has her/his reading session. This will be the same day every week. Details of this to follow) and general homework (sent out on a Friday to be returned following Thursday please).

As you may have realised the children do not have a snack provided at break time in KS2 so you may wish to add an extra piece of fruit to their lunch box.

We look forward to meeting you at the parents evening in several weeks time, however if there is anything that is a concern or needs discussing before then please feel free to see us; after the school day is an ideal time but realise there are times when an urgent message can't wait and needs attention first thing in the morning.

Yours sincerely

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