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Dear Year 3 parents,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break. I thought that you might like to see an outline of the work we plan to do during the autumn term so that you can talk about the subjects with your child at home.

English

We will be developing our writing skills in constructing recounts and drafting instructions. We will concentrate on fables and on writing and performing a play. As well as reading in a group regularly, your child will bring home a reading book. Please aim to listen to your child read most days – it makes a huge difference to her or his progression. Please could you also ensure that the reading diary is signed every time, indicating when your child has finished reading a book so that it can be changed for a new one.

Maths

We start the term working with numbers to 1000 using hundreds, tens and ones. The children will be encouraged to use mental calculations through activities they do, using a range of strategies. We will also be looking at measures, addition and subtraction, problem solving and statistics. The children will also work with angles and 2D shapes.

We will have weekly times tables tests. We will start with the 2x tables and then each week, depending on how many your child correctly answers, they will move on to the next given times table. This allows the children to progress and to also work at their own learning pace.

RE

In the first half-term we will be using the "Come and See" programme, and we will be exploring the domestic church in homes and God's vision for every family. We will also be learning about the significance of promises and belonging in the context of Baptism and Confirmation. After half-term, we will look at Hinduism, Advent and Christmas.

ICT

This term the children will learn about internet safety, such as how they can keep safe and the importance of being responsible while communicating online with others. We will also be learning how to code, including writing a simple program, simulating a physical system, using repetition commands, debugging programs and using variables.

Science

Our first science topic will be flowers, fruits and seeds. We will then study light and shadows.

Humanities

The children will be learning all about Rivers this half-term. Later we will be working with maps to locate cities, counties and countries in the UK and Europe and we will be comparing the UK with Germany.

PE

Each week the children will have outdoor and indoor P.E. Please ensure that their P.E. kit is returned to school each week after washing. On Thursday the children will have an indoor PE session and on Fridays for outdoor P.E. your child will need trainers. Plain dark track-suit bottoms and a sweatshirt will also be needed as the weather becomes colder. Please ensure all clothing is labelled.

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Design and Technology

We will learn about sandwich making and healthy eating as we study the different food groups.

French

We will cover core introductory vocabulary (including phonetics) and we will learn how to ask and respond to simple basic questions. In addition, we will learn about France and French speaking countries.

Music and Art

Our Music units will focus on exploring a key song ("Let Your Spirit Fly") and playing the Glockenspiel.

Art will be taught cross-curricular within other subject areas and in all areas of work. In particular, we will be looking at painting of Rivers and how Monet captured light and reflection on water with brush strokes.

Homework in Year 3

Every night: Reading or discussing a book. Learning times tables and spellings (for a test on Monday).

Once a week: One piece of work to be completed from the homework grid on the school website. A copy of the homework grid will also be inside the blue Homework folder. Please sign the homework when your child has completed the work. The Homework folder will be sent home each Friday and should be returned to school on Wednesday.

I hope you find this information useful and I look forward to meeting you all very soon. If there is anything you wish to discuss with me, please either write a note or contact the office to make an appointment.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Harvey
Class Teacher