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Dear Year 3 parents and carers,

We hope that you have had a relaxing summer and are well rested. Miss Clapp and I will be sharing class teaching this year. Over the year, the class will be encouraged to develop their independence and co-operation skills in their learning. We encourage everyone to take on roles and responsibilities in the class so that our learning environment is well cared for.

Below are the topics that your children will be studying in the Autumn Term.

English

We will use a range of books this term. We will explore poetry and will build on children's use of vocabulary. Spellings will be taught on a daily basis in Year 3 and will be reviewed on a Friday using a spelling dictation. Reading books will be changed on a **Thursday** and the children will also have a second book from the library to take home and read for pleasure.

Maths

Key skills we will be learning will be:

- Place value up to three-digit numbers
- Addition and subtraction, mental and written methods up to three-digit numbers
- Estimation, magnitude and rounding
- Measures – comparing, estimation and magnitude
- Angles
- Perpendicular and parallel lines, vertical and horizontal lines
- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Perimeter
- Solving problems choosing the appropriate operation

Science

Our first unit will be 'Animals, movement and nutrition' where we will be exploring the structure of animals bodies identifying key bones and muscles and how they work together to make us move.

Our second topic is 'Rocks and soils' where we will be exploring different types of rocks and soils, how they were formed and classifying them according to their properties.

Computing

In this subject we will be exploring computing systems and networks – identifying different inputs and outputs.

Art

Our unit is called Gestures drawing. In this unit we will be drawing figures using charcoal and exploring cave art creating our own examples.

Design and Technology

In DT we will be exploring different biscuit recipes then developing and cooking our own biscuits using our own recipe.

Geography

In geography we will be focusing on our mapping skills, using atlases to identify continents and European countries. We will then focus on the UK, identifying counties and regions.

History

In history, we will be learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age, exploring how humans evolved and developed as well as exploring how they developed their skills in farming and building settlements.

PE

In PE, we will develop our skills in fitness (particularly in running) as well as developing our ball skills. Our PE days will be Wednesday and Thursday and we expect the children to have their PE kit in school and on their pegs every day including a pair of trainers separate from their school shoes.

Helping your child

There are a number of ways that you can help your child to achieve their full potential at school.

- Aim for 98% attendance and arrive at school on time.
- Give them an appropriate breakfast.
- Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time (and avoid 'screens' for at least half an hour before bedtime)
- Read them a story and listen to them read.
- Help them to learn their spellings through EdShed
- Help them to learn their times tables through TT Rockstars
- Ensure they have all the items needed each day including named uniform, coat and book bag.

Essential items:

Every day your child should bring to school:

- Named water bottle
- Reading book
- Reading record
- PE kit (all items named and should be left at school throughout the week)
- Named lunchbox if required

Any brief concerns or queries can be addressed at the class door or for further discussion, please make an appointment via the office.

Yours sincerely

Miss Clark and Miss Clapp