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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class 3's Spring Curriculum Letter

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and are ready for the New Year ahead.

English

This term, our English unit is focused around the book 'Kai and the Monkey King' by Joe Todd Stanton. We will explore the text by identifying the key features and themes. The children will work towards planning, writing and editing their own 'Monkey King' story and, later on, creating leaflets using rhetorical questions to persuade. During the second half of the term we will base our work around 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. The final piece of writing will be a missing chapter from the book. Both texts are available to share with your children on You Tube if you wish.

Maths

In Maths, the children will continue to develop their multiplication and division knowledge and skills before moving on to length and perimeter, fractions, mass and capacity for Year 3 and decimals for Year 4.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about Forces and Magnets. We will compare how things move on different surfaces and explore how magnets attract and repel each other. To do this, we will work scientifically to set up practical enquiries, gather data and interpret results.

Topic

Our overarching topic this term is The Romans and we will examine how the Roman Empire influenced Britain. We will explore what life was like at the time and compare Roman settlements with existing Celtic villages as well as research some significant historical figures of the time such as Boudicca.

RE

Our first big question this term is; 'For Christians, what is the impact of Pentecost?' Our second question is 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?' We will discuss each question and explore key teachings from the bible and other religions to help us.

RSHE

During RSHE lessons, we will be exploring strategies to cope with uncomfortable feelings; how to make things right after a mistake and that mistakes help us learn and grow. We will also look at the similarities and differences between people's lives across the world.



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Computing

This term on Purple Mash we will create spread sheets and develop our touch-typing skills. Throughout the units, we will explore how we spot dangers online and what we can do to stay safe.

PE

PE will take place on a Thursday where Mr Rudd will teach Tag Rugby. The two weeks beginning 29th January the children will take part in an intensive course of swimming lessons; a further letter outlining this in more detail will come closer to the time. The mile run will continue to be an important part of promoting active and healthy lives, enabling the children to be more physically active for sustained periods of time. In KS2 children do find it easier to run in trainers rather than PE pumps as they provide more support for running longer distances so please ensure these are in school at all times, in a named plastic bag.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read daily and as often as possible to an adult, using the comprehension questions in the back of their reading record to ensure their understanding of what they have read. We welcome regular parental comments in the children's reading records but your child must receive at least **three adult signatures** each week. Children who consistently read at home will have their reading bookmarks signed and receive a treat at the end of term.

Spellings

The children will continue to take home Spellings. These will be a list of words related to the spelling rule of the week. The children will receive these on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday. Please take the time to support your child in learning these; your help at home has a huge impact on your child's progress.

Times Table Rockstars

Part of our weekly homework in Class 3 is to complete at least 15 minutes of TTRS per week. They can do this in little chunks of a few minutes per day or all in one go, as they prefer. This helps to improve their times table knowledge and speed of recall in preparation for the Year Four Multiplication Tables Check in June.

We encourage children to drink as much water as possible during the day so they need a labelled water bottle in school every day. In KS2, we also ask that children have a labelled art apron for those messier lessons. This can be an old oversized t-shirt or shirt, anything as long as it covers the majority of their uniform.

Please be reminded that further curriculum information can be found on our website under the Our Learning and Subject Information tabs.

I hope this information has been useful but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask me at the end of the school day or make an appointment with Mrs Park.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Carter