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Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 3! We are so happy to have the children back in school and I know they are all excited to be back.

This half term, we will have a Geography focus learning all about The United Kingdom. Attached to this letter are your child's Knowledge Organisers which contain key facts, vocabulary and information about your child's learning in class. This will enable you to support your child's learning at home.

Our learning:

- In Writing, we will start the term focussing on the poem Jabberwocky. We will then move onto writing descriptions based on the book Once Upon an Ordinary School Day, before moving onto instruction writing.
- Our focus in Reading lessons will be the skill of retrieval, inferring and summarising.
- In Maths we are focusing on number and place value and later in the term addition and subtraction.
- In Science, we will be learning about light and developing our scientific enquiry through investigations.
- In Geography, we will be learning all about the United Kingdom and developing our geographical knowledge using disciplinary skills.
- In R.E. we will be exploring key questions about the ways in which different communities worship.
- In P.E. we will be focusing on sequences of movement fitness and dance.
- In DT, we will be investigating freestanding structures.
- In ICT, we will be Rule Writers, looking at our online safety rules, and Programmers, programming an animation.
- In Music we will be exploring sounds around us and experimenting with different rhythms and instruments to represent them.

Attached to this letter are the Knowledge Organisers related to this term's learning to give you more detail on what the children will be learning. These show the facts that we hope all children should be able to recall at the end of the term. You could use them to 'test' your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

Homework

Homework will be given out each week on a Friday and should be completed by Tuesday and returned to school. Alongside this, children links to learning websites will be available on the Year 3 page of the school website.

Homework in Year 3 consists of a few different things:

- Spellings and handwriting are a big focus for us this year and we are lucky to have access to some online resources which will be set as part of the homework. Log in details for **Spelling Shed** and **Letter Join** will be available in the front of your child's reading log.
- **Times Table Rockstars** is a fabulous online program that we use to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts. The children have all been given log ins to this. It is very repetitive at the beginning while it assesses where each child is and then sets a program for them. It can also become very competitive in school as we set up 'rock battles' between classes. In our experience, short burst of regular practice is more effective than spending hours once a week.
- Children should be **reading** at home **at least 4 times-per week** in preparation for their Accelerated Reader quiz. Developing a love of reading helps people in so many ways, not just with their work in reading but also in writing and topic lessons. Children will receive dojo's when they have 3 parental comments in their reading record.
- New this year, your children will soon be given log in details for a website called **conquermaths.com** which is a fun and engaging way for them to practice the maths skills they have learnt in school.



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PE

This term, **PE** will be on the following days:

- Jay – Friday
- Robin – Friday
- Wren – Tuesday

On your child's PE day, please send them to school in their PE kit and trainers (white t-shirt and black shorts or tracksuit).

Dates for your diary

24th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

5th/6th October – individual photographs

22nd October – finish for Half Term

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you. The easiest way to contact us is via ClassDojo or please catch us after school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team