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Dear Parents,

Year 3 Curriculum Letter

Welcome back for the Autumn Term. I hope you all had a restful summer break.

These are the topics which Year Three will be covering this term:

Maths: Place value; ordering; estimating; rounding; mental calculation strategies; addition and subtraction; multiplication; division; data handling. Mental maths skills and tables practice. The children will be placed into two differentiated maths groups in the next two weeks.

English: Creative writing; comprehension; grammar; punctuation; spelling; presentation skills including handwriting. Reading will maintain a high priority: Roald Dahl is our featured author throughout the year and we are continuing our successful group reading scheme. Please continue to hear your child read daily. They have received a Reading Record book so that reading comments can be communicated between home and school. Your child should also be aiming to read more widely from books of his or her choice in order to further develop their interest and vocabulary and they are required, in class, to read from increasingly difficult text books. The children will be organised into three differentiated groups for spelling and reading. Spelling words will be sent home to learn next week.

Science: Movement and Feeding, Light and Shadows

Spanish: Meeting and greeting; classroom vocabulary; counting; family members; describing things; invitations; learning about Spanish speaking countries.

History: The Stone Age

Geography: Position of continents and oceans; position of the countries of the British Isles and their capitals; mapping skills; life in a village; the weather.

RS: Celebrations and Commemorations; including Eid, Diwali, Peace Day, Remembrance Day, Hanukkah, National Bird Watch and Christmas.

Art: Arts and crafts from the Stone Age era and study of various artists

DT: Stone Age necklace, clay pot and figurine. Advent calendar

ICT: Word-processing, saving data and using the internet

PE: Tennis and Gymnastics – **3R should arrive wearing their PE kit on Mondays and 3J should wear their PE kit on Fridays**

Games: Hockey (girls) Tag rugby (boys). (Year 3 swimming takes place in the spring term). Please remember to bring kit bags on Tuesday for the week

Music: The music programme develops musicianship skills through singing, listening, movement activities and performance. Performance opportunities include *Harvest Festival* and the *Carol Service*.

Please **check** and **sign** the homework diary on a **daily** basis as it often contains important information or letters. The diary is also for you to communicate with me, so if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to write it in here, or come and see me.

Homework is set for Year 3 every evening. The children will have one piece of homework per night. They will also have times table tests and spelling lists will be given after each test. Please encourage your child to read daily. They have each been given a yellow reading record for both a home and school to record what children have read and write any additional comments.

Year 3 also have a short fruit break every morning as we find that they are too hungry to concentrate properly without this. Please give your child a manageable piece of fruit (not an unpeeled orange or messy fruit in syrup) so that he or she can join in whilst listening to the story (cereal bars are not permitted).

Children should also come to school with a water bottle, which they can keep on their desks. This means they do not have to leave lessons to have a drink. Children are also allowed to bring in a cushion for their chairs if they wish.

We are looking forward to getting to know you all and to the exciting year ahead!

Yours sincerely

Miss Ramadhan & Miss Jassal

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Year 3 Form Tutors