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The Year 3 team would like to offer a very warm welcome to all the Year 3 children and parents. We hope you have had a good summer holiday and feel refreshed and ready for an exciting year. Thank you for returning such wonderful postcards; the children were excited to see they had arrived and were displayed in the classrooms. Thank you too, to those people who have helped the children to participate in our reading challenge. We have some fantastic photos up in our classrooms.

The children are beginning to settle in to all of our new routines and systems in the Junior School. Please could we ask that you wait in front of the ball court and not along the pathway at the beginning and end of the day to allow us to ensure that the children are being handed over to their parent or carer in the safest possible way. Thank you for your continued support with this.

We are working hard on our PSHE learning during our first two weeks of term which are focusing on 'Community' and 'Friendship'. During this first half term there will be opportunities for you to learn more about what your child is up to in Year 3. Although we are unable to have parent helpers in school at this point, if you are interested in coming in to hear readers please email the office who will be able to sort the relevant paperwork so that you would be ready to start in the future.

Main topics and learning this half term:

Science

Geography

Art

This half term our main topic area is 'Location, Location, Location':

During this Geography topic, we will be learning about:

- The human and physical geography of our area
- Where our school is within the wider community
- Our sense of belonging to our area

Our topic will link to lots of other areas of the curriculum:

- In Art, we will be looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy.
- In Science, we will be investigating what plants need to grow healthily, the parts of a flowering plant and about different types of plants.
- In English, we will be learning about stories where characters feel a sense of belonging. Our focus this half term will be on character empathy and story writing.

The children will soon have their first library visit where they will be able to select a book to read from their book band. Please be aware that our book banding colours are different from the infants. We have all of the information from the infants to help us ensure that your child is accessing books on the relevant level which we will be checking as we hear them read in class.

Throughout the curriculum our learning will link to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The children are learning about these rights and how to talk about these rights in respect to their learning.



How you can support your child's learning at home:

- Reading is fundamental to your child's further learning so please listen to your child read on a regular basis regardless of their ability.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will always be useful. We will inform you when logins for Times Table Rock Stars are up and running.
- Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book.

Homework

Homework takes the form of learning conversations. You will find a topic of conversation related to your child's learning in their home-link book for each day of the week. We would love to hear how your conversations have gone so please make a note in the comments section in the home-link book. We hope that these conversation topics will help you to feel more engaged with the learning that is happening in school.

A few reminders:

- PE will take place on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Due to these timings they will leave school in their PE kit on a Tuesday and need to arrive in school in PE kit on a Wednesday. The children are welcome to leave their uniform in school overnight on Tuesday.
- Our School Library time is on a Thursday afternoon. This is the children's chance to change their library books EVERY OTHER week so please help us by reminding the children to bring their books back.
- Spellings are sent home and tested on Fridays.
- Home link books must be in school every day please.