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Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Summer holiday! Here is some general information about Year 3, and more specific information about the topics that we will be learning about in Term 1:

Topic and Science: Volcanoes and Skeletons

This term, our topic has a geography focus. We will be looking at Atlases and using ICT to research famous Mountain ranges and volcanoes of the World. We will find out how volcanoes and earthquakes are formed and how they affect the local people and natural world. Science will be an exploration of the human skeleton and skeletons of a range of animals - including their function and make-up.

English and Maths Our English lessons will include a focus on handwriting and accuracy in sentence writing, punctuation and structure, as well as developing interest in fiction description-writing using expanded noun phrases. Our class books are 'The boy who Grew Dragons' and the 'The River and the Tree'. A central aim will be to ensure the children are confident in writing well-structured sentences in neat cursive writing. Each day, we have a spelling focus along with a reading session or handwriting lesson.

This term, mathematics will focus on place value. This will involve recognising, representing, writing, saying, ordering, comparing and partitioning numbers to 1000. Strategies for Addition and Subtraction and mental addition/subtraction will form the focus of the second part of Term 1.

Reading

Please can the children continue to **read daily** and fill in their reading records. Reading regularly forms the building blocks of everything they need to learn in school and for lifelong learning. Here is a list of popular books that year 3 children may like to read independently -

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-3/>

Children also benefit from being read to. A book rich in language read by a confident reader is vital for comprehension and vocabulary understanding. Try some of these - <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year3>.

Alongside reading, this term we will start to send home spellings each week. These will consolidate what we have been learning in class recently.

As the year progresses we will send times tables practise sheets. The children also have access to Times Tables Rockstars which they can access at home too.

General Info

- Monday – PE kit to be worn - Basketball
- Wednesday – PE kit to be worn - swimming (please ensure your child has their named swimming kit including, towel, costume, goggles and hat in a bag) - Swimming bags required from Weds 9th September.
- The Government fruit and vegetable snack scheme only runs in Key Stage 1. Now your children are in Year 3, they are in Key Stage 2. If your child would like a snack, please provide them with a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or 'healthy' cereal bar each day (not chocolate or crisps). They should also have their water bottle in school every day - this should only contain water.

If you have any questions or queries please send an email or contact the school to arrange a telephone call or meeting.

Thank you,

Mr MacKenzie