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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. We are very much looking forward to this year. Outlined below are expectations for Year 3 and overviews of topics that we will cover during the Autumn 1 term. We will be hosting a virtual "Coffee Morning", where we will explain more about the year ahead and be able to discuss any questions from parents about the curriculum. The date for this will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Expectations

Pencil cases- In Years 3-6, children need to bring their own pencil cases (which must be able to fit in their trays) with equipment to use every day at school. ***Essential equipment for daily work includes: HB writing pencils, a small sharpener, a rubber, a 30cm ruler, colouring pencils, an uncoloured glue stick.*** Please note that parents and carers are responsible for replenishing pencil cases as KS2 class teachers are not provided with extra equipment to do this - *glue sticks are particularly scarce and used in every lesson.* If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.

Homework – Each week, children are expected to practise their times tables and spellings. These will be based on the work we do in school. Times-tables will be tested on Mondays and Spellings on Fridays. ***Your child will be given a purple homework book (large) to practise in if they wish. Inside, there are strategies for learning spellings and times table answers they can refer to. Please note, there is no requirement to hand these in.***

Reading and reading records- It is a school-wide expectation that children should read daily and that this is recorded in reading records (by the child or an adult). It is important that children bring in their records and take them home every day. ***When reading, please mark down the date, book title and the pages read. Record books will be checked once a week by an adult.***

Curriculum

Maths – This term, we will begin with recapping and developing our knowledge around numbers and place values up to the 1000's. We will look at more or less amounts, compare and order different number values. This will lead to us gaining a greater understanding of addition and subtraction with three digit numbers. Children will learn how to add and subtract while crossing 10 and 100 and learn how to exchange numbers.

English

Writing- This term, we want to help the children to develop into imaginative, creative and effective writers. We will be reconsolidating our understanding of punctuation and grammar from KS1 alongside developing our oracy, editing and story-telling skills.

Reading- We will develop the children's vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summary skills through daily Guided Reading sessions.

Spelling- The children will have daily spelling lessons to learn spelling rules, build on their phonics skills and practise applying these.

IPC – For our topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age', we will be exploring what it is to be an 'archaeologist' and how archaeological evidence is interpreted and recorded. We will begin to create a timeline of events that occurred through the different periods: Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will discover the development of food and cooking from the Stone Age to Iron Age, while learning about the events that led Stone Age people to move from hunting and gathering to farming.

Science – Our first Science topic will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of rocks and fossils. We will study, group, draw, describe and name rock samples, investigate hardness and permeability, learn how fossils are made and learn how soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

RE- We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half-term we will be learning about the Hindu faith with a focus on authority, worship, sacred and inspirational writings within the Hindu faith. We will also spend a week learning about the Harvest festival.

Computing- In Computing, we will be focusing on programming this term. The children will find out about animations and the process behind making a successful one to achieve an aim. We will create our own animated scenes by writing a program in Scratch.

PE –The children will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. **Children need to attend school in appropriate PE kits on these days as we will not be changing in the classrooms.** Please note that PE will go ahead even in light rain. Wednesday PE lessons will be taught by Mr Hurrion.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns; you can make appointments with your class teacher via Seesaw or email/telephone the office (details in the letterhead).

Thank you for your support,

Miss Couch (3C) and Miss Walker (3W) and the Year 3 Team.