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Dear Parent & Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer holiday and your child has returned refreshed and ready for the busy, but exciting year ahead. The information in this letter is intended to advise and remind you of the expectations in Year 3. We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential.

The Year 3 team are here to help and support you and your child at Mary Exton School.

Class teacher : Mrs R Phillips

Teaching Assistants : Mrs Mc Menamin and Miss Gawley Green

Autumn Term Curriculum Coverage

Please refer to the attached Y3 Curriculum Map for the autumn term (also posted in the school's website). This provides an overview of the topics and skills that will be covered this term.

Reading

Every child has a Y3 reading record book and should be reading as much as possible – ideally every day. For some fluent readers in Y3 this does not need to be with an adult every day, however hearing your child read out loud and having an opportunity for discussion is beneficial regardless of what their reading ability is. In year 3, I need the parents to record the title of the book and pages their children are reading every day and make a small comment next to it. This will enable us to monitor the children's daily reading and the kind of books they are reading.

Spelling

At the start of a half term, children will be issued with a grid which outlines the spellings to be tested in each week of that half term. Children are expected to practise and learn the spellings ready for the test which will happen on Fridays. Children will have practice spelling books to take home and I will make sure the words they get wrong in their weekly spelling test are highlighted for you to see. At times, it may be that children are given individual spellings to learn instead of the class spellings to help support their learning.

Mathematics

Learning the times tables is a very important thing for children in Y3 and Y4. By the end of Y4 the expectation is that children know all their times-tables. We will practise in class regularly and children will be tested weekly on their times tables as well as their general mental arithmetic. Practising these skills at home as often as possible is essential as it is fundamental for a lot of the Maths they will be learning. This term we will start revising the x2, x5 and x10 and then move onto x4 and x8.

Topic grid / homework

At the beginning of the half term, children will be issued with a homework grid. Each week, the children can choose one activity to complete. Please ensure that you (parent or carer) sign and date the

homework grid each week to indicate which activity the child has completed. Homework should be handed in on a Friday.

PE

Y3 will be swimming this half term - Tuesday mornings from 18th September. Y3 PE lesson will take place on Mondays. It is important to have a PE kit available in school all week. The children need a labelled PE kit and trainers for when we go on the field. If the children do not have their PE kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will be sent a reminder.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate school uniform at all times and that it is all named.

Timetable

Your child's class timetable will be stuck in your children's reading record book in order for you and your children to know what they will be doing on a daily basis.

Equipment

In Year 3 all the classroom equipment children should need in lessons will be provided by the school.

Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits, workshops and activities to support our topic areas. We are only able to run the visits and workshops with the support of your voluntary contributions.

I am trying to organise an educational workshop for our first history topic this term The Stone Age to Iron Age and a visit to Pizza Express. Details will be given in due course.

Parent Surgery

It is important to encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any problems please book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately. Appointments can be booked via the school office.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact me and arrange an appointment. I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

R. Phillips

Mrs R Phillips
Class Teacher