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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3. We hope you have enjoyed a restful Summer holiday and your child has returned refreshed 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 Templewood School.

Class Teacher – Miss S Clark

Learning Support Assistants – Mrs S Irvine
Miss C Gibbs
Miss L Herren

Parent Surgery

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we aim 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.

Autumn Term Curriculum Coverage

The following outlines some of the curriculum activities that the children will be working on this term:

Subject	Content
Literacy	Letters Haiku/tanka/Kenning Instructions Explanations Plays Limericks
Mathematics	Place Value Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and division Tally charts Graphs Shape Measures Number sequences Time
Science	Animals including humans – Skeletons, muscles and nutrition



ICT	We are programmers We are bug fixers
Art	Celtic Knots, Roman busts
Design and Technology	ICT link design and programming an animation Clay busts
History	Celts and Romans
Geography	Celtic/ Roman settlements
RE	Practices and lifestyles Christmas
PE	Invasion games - Football, Netball, Hockey and Tag Rugby
Music	Djembe drumming
PSHE	Health and well being
French	All about me Celebrations

During the Autumn term, each year group teacher has chosen their own topic, continuing to meet National Curriculum expectations through a thematic approach. In Year 3 our first topic is 'Celts and Romans'.

Home School Link Book

Every child has a Home School Link Book in which they bring into school every day and record their homework and reading. Please check and sign your child's book each week. These books are handed in on Mondays and checked. Please feel free to use this as a means of communication with the class teacher as well.

Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult at least three times a week and more if possible. This is to be recorded in their Home-School Link books which will be checked throughout the week. Children will also be encouraged to read independently and record this in the Home-School link book themselves. Our focus in Year 3 is to read aloud with expression.

Children will also be allocated books on Bug club that they can read at home.

Spellings

Children will be issued with spellings on a Monday which they must learn and complete for a test on a Friday. Children should practise their spellings frequently throughout the week by looking, covering, writing and then checking. They should then choose 5 words to put into sentences.

Mathematics

We are currently looking into new strategies for practising times tables in school this year. Whilst we are choosing which would work most effectively, we shall be recalling times tables mentally throughout the week. At the end of Year 3 the expectation is that they know the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. If you can please practice them at home it will really benefit their maths learning.

Weekly activities will also be set on Mathletics linked to our learning in school.

Learning Log

The topics of this will vary from week to week according to our subject focus. Each week there will be one activity linked to our topic work. Learning Logs will be given out on a Thursday and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. It should take children approximately 30 minutes to complete.

PE

During the Autumn term, Year 3 will be taking part in PE lessons on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. It would be useful if your child could have their kit in school at all times as there are some occasions where this may change. 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 letter. Please ensure children have jogging bottoms, jumper and outdoor trainers.

Timetable

Your child will soon have a timetable attached to their Home-School Link book in order for them to keep track on the equipment they will require on a daily basis. We hope that this will also encourage the children to organise their school bag at home.

Equipment

In KS2, equipment needed for each lesson will be provided for the children to use. They will therefore not need to bring any of their own from home.

It is important that children have access to water throughout the day. Could you please continue to make sure that your child brings a named, sports top bottle of plain water each day.

Library

On Thursdays each class has access to the Library to choose a book they wish to take home. This is a great opportunity for children to access a range of texts of their choosing. Please make sure they bring back any borrowed books they wish to change on a Thursday.

Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas.

This terms trip will be confirmed shortly.

Enrichment and Extra-Curricular Activities

If you wish to support your children's understanding of our topic on the Celts and Romans further you might like to try some of the activities listed on these websites,

<http://resourcesforhistory.com/#gsc.tab=0>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/celts/>

<http://timetravellerkids.co.uk/fun-stuff/free-projects/roman-craft-projects/>

You may also wish to take a visit to the Roman Baths.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange an appointment.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Clark
Year 3 Class Teacher