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Dear Parent & Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a happy Christmas.

The information in this letter is intended to advise and remind you of the expectations in Year 3.

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 – Ms MacMenamin and Miss Gawley-Green

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 would like to discuss anything regarding your son/daughter with me, please book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. Appointments can be booked via the school office.

Spring Term Curriculum Coverage

Please see the attached Year 3 Curriculum Map for the Spring term. This provides an overview of the key topics and skills that will be covered this term.

Reading

Children are expected to read every day. This does not need to be with an adult, however hearing your child read aloud and having an opportunity for discussion is beneficial regardless of what their reading ability is. We also have guided reading sessions with the teacher and the teacher assistant every day and some children will be identified to receive extra reading time with an adult during the week. Please record your child's reading in their reading record book and add any comment about their fluency, understanding of the text, etc. , you may feel appropriate. This will enable me to monitor the reading ability of the children, the sorts of books they are reading and their reading comprehension.

Spelling

Children will be issued with a new spelling grid at the beginning of the term outlining the spellings which will be tested each Friday. This list will be stuck in the homework book (as I did last term). On a weekly basis, the list of spellings for the week will also be stuck in the children's spelling books. Children are expected to practise and learn the spellings ready for the test. Some children will have differentiated spellings to help support them.

Mathematics

By the end of Year 4, children are expected to recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12x12. Your children will be the first ones to sit the new compulsory government multiplication test at the end of Year 4. In Y3 children are tested regularly 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. Times table tests will take place on Fridays.

Topic grid / homework

At the beginning of the half term, children will be issued with a new homework grid. As before, the children can choose one activity to complete each week. 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 Wednesdays.

P.E

This term PE will be taught on Wednesday afternoons by Mrs Brockehurst (Y4 teacher). 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. Where it is noted that your child is not wearing the correct uniform, they will be given a 'uniform reminder letter.'

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. As part of our Food Technology topic, I have organised for Y3 to go to Pizza Express in Hitchin to make their own delicious pizzas on Wednesday 30th January (morning). Details will follow shortly in an email.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come and see me or arrange an appointment through the school's office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Phillips
Class Teacher