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Year 3, Term 3 2019, Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

The children really excelled themselves with their learning about rocks and fossils, culminating with their own written non-chronological report. Thank you for all your support through the term and for the amazing homework projects that were shared.

Curriculum

Our main area of study this term will be Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. This will link mainly to literacy and geography as we consider the local environment. We are also introducing learning about World War II during history.

Subject	Our Environment
<i>Maths</i>	Multiplying and dividing 2 digit numbers by one digit
<i>Literacy and Drama</i>	Persuasive writing – posters and formal letters
<i>Science</i>	Using microscopes & exploring digestion
<i>Geography</i>	Identifying natural and man-made features of our local environment
<i>Music</i>	Colour, weather and animals
<i>Spanish</i>	Singing and rhythm
<i>PE</i>	Badminton & High 5 Netball
<i>History</i>	World War II
<i>RE</i>	Easter and Tu Bishvat

Geography Day

On Friday 15th March we will be taking a trip to the Earth Trust, spending the day at the site and by the river looking at natural and man-made features of our local environment. Parent helpers will be needed to make this day possible. If you are able to help, please let us know as soon as you can.

Year 3 Recycling Assembly

On Thursday 4th April we will be having our year group assembly for the children to share what they have been learning. This will start at 2.30pm. Parents and siblings are invited.

Special Events:

Earth Trust Visit	Friday 15 th March
Didcot Library Class 8	Tuesday 19 th March am
Didcot Library Class 9	Thursday 21 st March am
Y3 Cake crumbly	Wednesday 27 th March
Year 3 Environment Assembly	Thursday 4 th April 2.30pm

PE Kit

Children should wear white t-shirts (or a house coloured logo t-shirt) and blue shorts or blue track suit bottoms. Children will need clean trainers/plimsolls for Willowbrook, as well as shoes suitable for outdoor PE. Earrings will need to be removed or covered with tape and please remember long hair needs to be tied back. We do advise that PE kits come to school on a Monday and go home on a Friday so that they remain in school all week, in a drawstring bag with everything named. Our 'spares stock' is currently very low. Please could you consider donating any old kit.

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Homework

Weekly spelling and maths homework will be set every Wednesday, and is due to be completed by the following Wednesday, unless stipulated. The school have chosen not to renew our subscription to www.mymaths.co.uk. As a result, alternative maths homework will be set and children will usually be given a handout to complete. Children can write on the sheets or in their homework books, as appropriate. Regular use of Times Table Rock Stars is also expected. The impact of using Times Table Rock Stars frequently is clearly evident in children's progress within maths lessons. If your child is having difficulty completing their maths homework, please speak to their class teacher or make a note in their homework book.

Children should also read for 15-20 minutes a week and record their reading in their diaries in a simple way, e.g. date, title/piece read and possibly a personal comment about what they have read. Their reading diaries will also be collected on a Wednesday. Regular reading will be rewarded with purple stars. Stars will also be monitored using the chart at the back of their reading diaries. Reading diaries will be returned on either Thursday or Friday.

Additionally, each term, there is a homework menu of optional, longer projects, which includes a suggested reading list. Also, key vocabulary is listed. Please discuss these words with your child to help them further with understanding our topic. Homework projects will be rewarded with purple stars.

Best wishes

Gemma Fowkes and Ashley Francis
Year 3 Class Teachers

