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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and that your children are ready for another exciting term of learning.

In Year 3, we are enthusiastic to start **Forest School** on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Your child can wear old clothes to school that's ok to get muddy. They need to have a pair of wellies or suitable footwear that can be changed into and used in the mud. They must have a waterproof coat and can wear waterproof trousers.

Reading and Homework:

The reading expectation in year 3 **all children must read at home at least five times a week with an adult**. This needs to be recorded in your child's reading journal. Reading is an essential life skill and at William Barnes we are committed to raising the profile of reading. If you find it difficult to read with your child, please come and see me so I can help find a solution.

Times table homework will also continue, these worksheets are discussed in class to encourage independent learning, but again, any support you offer your child is beneficial.

PE:

Physical Education lessons will now be on a **Thursday with coach**. Please can your child continue to wear their PE kit to school on these days. Also, with the colder weather I would encourage wearing tracksuit bottoms.

On Wednesday afternoons Year 3 will have forest school as their other PE session. Please send your child to school in old clothes, warm layers and extra shoes to change into for use in the mud.

Connected Curriculum:

This term our English will be based on Ancient Egypt and The Iron Man. Our History topic is Ancient Egypt.

Below is a summary of our curriculum this term.

Subject:	Spring 1	Spring 2
English	Egyptian Cinderella Magic Key Story Shape poetry Mummification	The Iron Man Newspaper reports Play scripts Robot poetry
Maths	Multiplication & Division Length and perimeter	Fractions Mass and Capacity
Science	Animals including humans: skeleton, muscles & movement	Animals including humans: nutrition.
History/Geography	ANCIENT EGYPT The Nile, pyramids, pharaohs, Rosetta Stone, mummies, Gods and beliefs The landscape of Egypt, desert, the River Nile, climate, water and its effect on landscapes, irrigation. Location of places, continents on maps Comparison of Egypt in ancient times and today, the Nile and changes along its course.	
RE	Christianity (Miracles)	Christianity (Good Friday)
Jigsaw	Jigsaw scheme: Dreams & Goals	Jigsaw scheme: Healthy Me
Art & DT	Hieroglyphics Clay work Egyptian Compositions	Human bodies and faces Pulley (Egyptian shaduf)
Music	Charanga	
PE	Hockey/ Forest School	Dance/ movement / Tag-rugby
ICT	Programming A - Sequencing sounds	Data and information - Branching databases

Dates for your Diary:

18th of January 2024 - Year 3 & 4 trip to tank museum.

Communication is paramount to your child's learning, therefore, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Blackburn
(Class Teacher)

and

Mrs Henley
(Teaching Assistant)