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Headteacher: Ms Fiona Locke

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer break and that both children and parents are approaching the new academic year with open arms. It was lovely to welcome the children back and they made a fantastic start.

Morning Routine: The school gates will be open from 8:30am for both children and parents. Please could lunchboxes be placed on the year 3 trolley inside the hall as soon as your child arrives. At 8:45am, the bell will ring, and the children will be expected to line up on their spots. Mrs Henley or I will then collect the children from the playground.

Homework: Each week, year 3 children will be set a small amount of home learning.

This will need to be completed in your child's reading journal or maths folder and will consist of the following:

- A minimum of 5 reads with an adult, recorded and signed in your child's reading journal.
- To practice their times tables on Times table Rock Stars (TTRS) 3 times a week.
- A maths worksheet, either based around our current learning or with a times tables focus.

Throughout the year, your child may be set some additional homework to complement their learning in class, for example Home Talk School Write (HTSW) tasks.

Maths homework set on a Thursday and due in on a Wednesday.

Reading Journals are due in every Monday.

**PE**: PE lessons will be taught on a **Thursday and Friday** during the first half term. These will change half termly but I will send a text message to inform you of this.

On these days, please send your child into school wearing their PE kit. This should consist of a green or white t-shirt with black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Your child may also wear a plain PE hoodie or their William Barnes school jumper. Please be considerate on cold and wet days and ensure that your child has enough warm clothing.

Please could earrings be taken out at home on these days unless your child is able to quickly remove/insert their own earrings quickly.

**PPA Time:** As you may be aware all teachers have non-contact time each week for planning, preparation and assessment so Miss Maynard will teach year 3 on a Wednesday afternoon.











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**Connected Curriculum:** This term our English will be based on Roald Dahl books. Our History and Geography topics are Word War II and the United Kingdom.

Below is a summary of our curriculum this term.

Subject:	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	
English	Narrative – Roald Dahl	Narrative – Roald Dahl	
	Character descriptions	Dialogue & Plays	
	Diary entries	Non-Fiction – reports WWII	
	Newspaper reports		
Maths	Number & Place Value	Addition & Subtraction	
	Addition & Subtraction	Multiplication & Division	
Science	Light	Rocks	
History & Geography	The UK:	World War II:	
	Location/Maps	Outbreak of the war	
	Countries and counties	Battle of Britain	
	Rivers	Wartime entertainment	
	Geographical & Human Features	Armed forces	
RE (PPA- DM)	Hinduism – The importance of home & Divali	Christianity – True meaning of Christmas	
PSHCE	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference	
Art & DT	Take one Picture Art Project	Blitz inspired art	
	Cooking – Welsh cakes	Christmas Market Items	
	3D landmarks		
Music (PPA – DM)	Charanga- rhythm and pitch	Charanga- rhythm and pitch	
PE	Dance	Gymnastics – with Coach	
	Games – Tennis – with Coach	Games - Netball	
ICT (Teach Computing)	Connecting computers	Stop Frame Animation	

Communication is paramount to your child's learning, therefore, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me before or after school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Blackburn and Mrs Henley

(Class Teacher) (Teaching Assistant)







