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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all of your support throughout the first half term of Year 3. This can be a tricky transition and the children really have settled into the routine and lessons well.

This next half term we will be focussing on new topics:

- Geography – Map work and using our geographical skills. This will involve looking at different maps and using the key to identify places and their features.
- Science – Food and our Bodies. This topic helps us to understand healthy choices and digestion.
- Art / DT – This will have a cooking element this half term using local produce to make soups. We will also incorporate Christmas crafts into our art and DT plans.
- PSHE – Celebrating differences is the overarching topic and looks at all the different ways to be inclusive.
- French – The children will learn all about themselves and how to discuss their body parts.
- Religious Education – The children will study Hinduism, the key figures and identify the sacred texts.
- Music – This topic covers percussion and looks at all the different ways to make sounds.
- PE – Football and floor gym are the topics we will look at up until Christmas. We will try to do some of the football lessons outside (weather permitting) so on a Monday it would be good to be wearing a full outdoor PE kit.

During maths we will continue to use our newly learnt strategies to expand our knowledge. This half term heavily involves looking at Multiplication and Division so please help your child practice on TTRS as much as possible.

English will be help us learn further spelling rules, new vocabulary and using more Year 3 content in our writing. We will also continue daily handwriting sessions to help with our transcription skills. Reading is still a priority for us in Year 3. Regular reading sessions will help fluency and expression. We will be completing reading sessions at school and are hopeful the children will continue to read at home too.



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For your information:

- Children should continue to read as often as possible to an adult at home, looking at and rereading sections of the text to help them to become more fluent.
- Reading books should be in school every day.
- The children will learn spelling strategies through our lessons, and we will be teaching the children about root words and adding prefixes and suffixes correctly and continuing through the spellings within the National Curriculum in a structured way.
- Homework grids for the term have been given to your children but can also be found on the school website and on Dojo. Six pieces of homework will need to be completed and returned to school throughout the term.
- **PE** will be on a **Monday and Thursday** until Christmas. The children will need to come to school on these days in their PE kits – this will need to be **navy or black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and a school jumper or cardigan.**
- The children are able to bring in **one piece of healthy snack** to eat at playtime.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled to avoid losses or confusion.

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to send me a message on Class Dojo, call us at the office or come and see me.

Many thanks

Miss Abbott and the Year 3 staff.