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Dear parents/carers,

I would like to warmly welcome you to Year 3 and the beginning of your child's journey through Key Stage 2!

Here is a summary of the work we will be covering in Terms 1 and 2:

**English:** The children will experience a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and continue to develop their writing skills. We will also be focusing on handwriting, grammar, spelling and punctuation progression in all lessons. The Read Write Inc 'Get Spelling' programme will continue and be a regular feature in homework.

In reading, we will be encouraging the children to discuss texts in depth, make predictions and voice their opinions of characters and events within books. Reading will take place daily through guided group reading, individual reading and book-related challenges so please ensure that reading folders are in School every day.

**Mathematics:**

In mathematics we will be focusing on the following:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction

The children will also be given regular mental maths practice as this is vital in helping them progress. Times tables targets will continue to be set through our awards scheme with bronze, silver and gold stars to earn.

**Science:** Terms 1 and 2 – Animals, including humans.

**Computing:** The children will use I.C.T to support their learning across the curriculum. We will be using computing specialists to deliver part of the curriculum.

**History:** Our topic focus leading up to Christmas is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'.

**Geography:** The key features of the countries of the United Kingdom will be our main focus. We will also make links with our History theme.

**Languages:** Now we are in Key Stage 2 we will begin our fun and interactive Spanish learning. Teaching will be led by our specialist teacher, Mrs Mier.

**Religious Education:** We will be focusing on Christianity – beliefs and lifestyle.

**Design and Technology:** All of our work will be closely linked to our topics and themes and will include the main elements of designing, making, evaluating, and using and applying technical knowledge.

There will also be practical opportunities to learn about adopting a healthy and varied diet through the cooking and nutrition element of this subject.

**Art and Design:** As we start Key Stage 2 we will all begin a sketch book to record observations. We will work on a whole range of techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a variety of materials. Again, much of our work will link to our themes and topics and include seasonal art projects. The children will also be introduced to the life and works of great artists.

**Physical Education:** P.E. will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays (and occasionally Fridays) in Term 1. Sports specialists from Premier Sport will continue to teach P.E. – this will be the Tuesday session.

## Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL)

Term 1 – the focus is 'New Beginnings'.

Term 2 – the focus is 'Getting on and falling out' and 'Say no to bullying'.

## Music

Term 1 – exploring descriptive sounds.

Term 2 – exploring rhythmic patterns.

**Homework:** Reading is vitally important to your child's learning and enjoyment. We would appreciate you listening to your child read as many times as possible throughout the week. Please record the pages of the book your child has read and make any comments about how they are doing in the reading contact book provided if you wish. We expect children to read at home a minimum of 3 times a week and research has shown that pupils who read... succeed!

Homework will link to class themes and will relate to a range of curricular areas over the year. It will be set on a Friday and is due back the following Wednesday (House point awarded for early return!).

**Housekeeping:** At the beginning of the school year there are many items of new school clothing that all looks the same. Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled!

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - 'Alice in Wonderland' show from visiting theatre company

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - School Photographs

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival

Thursday/Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October - Book Fair

Weeks beginning 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October - Early Year Discussion Evenings

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October - forensic workshops

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - End of term 1 for children

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - School closed for staff training

Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> - Term 2 starts

Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> - HSA Christmas Bazaar

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Assemblies

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas party

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - end of term 2 for children

**Finally.....** As always, I would like to reiterate that your continued encouragement and support is vital to your child's success. School and home should be a partnership working together to support your child in their learning and to maximise their success. Therefore, should you or your child have any worries or problems please do not hesitate to contact me. I am confident that we will have a fantastic year and I look forward to helping your child achieve their goals.

