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Dear Parents

### YEAR 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM

Welcome back Year 3!

We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. Last term your children made a great start to Year 3, and we are now looking forward to an exciting term ahead. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via the school office or during school pick up.

#### English

The children will continue to practise their skills of handwriting, punctuation, editing, Thesaurus work and dictation during our daily Fantastic Fundamentals sessions. We will be using the 'In Our Hands' fable as a basis for their writing. They will explore different fables, learn about the features of fables and develop effective sentence structures and adventurous vocabulary through shared writing. The children will use this model text to create their own fable. Later in the term, they will learn how to write a persuasive advert based on the theme of joining the Roman army. The children will also continue to have reading comprehension and spelling lessons.

#### Maths

The children will begin the term by learning about multiplication and division. In Year 3, the expectation is that the children will know their 3, 4 and 8 times-tables. They will also learn to multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. Later in the term, the children will learn about length, perimeter and fractions. In each area that we cover in Maths, the children will be encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop their reasoning skills.

#### Science

This term, the children shall be learning about Rocks, the different rock types, the rock cycle, fossilisation, soil formation and soil testing. During the second part of the term, the focus will be on plants.

#### Humanities

In History, the children will learn about the Roman Empire and the Romanisation of Britain. Later in the term, in Geography, they will learn about Rivers, including the water cycle.

#### Health & Wellbeing

This term there will be a focus on "Keeping Safe". The children will learn about assessing risk, strategies to be safe and online safety.

#### Computing

In Computing, we shall be continuing our unit on Stop Frame animation. Later in the term the children will be developing their programming skills by using the software 'Scratch'.

#### Art

In the Art room this term, the children will be developing their drawing, painting and clay modelling skills, whilst exploring art from the Stone Age. Inspired by the very first artists, the children will create their own cave art for a collaborative display. Later in the term, the children will create a variety of work inspired by African arts and crafts.

#### Music

In music, the children will be learning to compose music using their imagination. The material presents an integrated approach to music where games, elements of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked.

#### PE

PE will be every Monday (Tag Rugby) and Thursday (Dance) therefore PE kits need to be in school on those days. We will be having as many Monday lessons as possible outside so please provide warm black leggings or jogging bottoms (no logos) along with shorts, a white t-shirt and suitable outdoor sports footwear. Long hair needs to be tied back, and earrings must not be worn.

## French

In French this term, the children will learn about French adjectives of colour, shape and size. Moving on to use playground games to learn about number and age later in the term.

## R.E.

In R.E. the children will learn about Lent and how Christians use it as a time of reflection in the lead up to Easter. We will also be learning about Easter as a time of celebration.

## Homework

- Regular reading with your child
- TT Rockstars.

## Key Dates

Please refer to the website via the following link:

<https://www.mariewelleracademy.com/events/>

This will continue to be updated throughout the year.

## Trips

More information to follow.

## A few reminders:

**Toys are not permitted at school:** Please could we ask that you do not allow your child to bring toys into school. If they do make their way into the classroom, they will be placed back into their bags until home time.

**Book Bags:** Please ensure that your child has their book bag in school each day so that we can provide them with reading books. Please do not put large or bulky keyrings on the bags.

**Water Bottles and Snack:** Please can we ask that each child brings named water bottle into school every day. Daily fruit is **not** provided in Year 3. Please could you provide your child with a small, healthy snack for playtime. **Crisps and chocolate will not be allowed for snacks at morning break time.**

## MWPS Golden Rules:

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.

Best wishes,

Mrs Doak