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Year 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year and to Year 3 (Key Stage 2). I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and that your child is settling to school again happily.

Please find below the information that may be of use for this term. As it is not possible to do a 'Meet the Teacher' session, there is extra information here, but if there is anything further you want clarified, please ask. The work this term will support the move into the Year 3 curriculum but continues to address and reinforce some aspects of earlier learning. Hopefully I will have opportunities to speak to you at the end of the day, but as I do not yet know everybody, please do say 'hi' and introduce yourself if I don't manage to spot you!

English

In English we will be writing diaries, looking at instructions and explanations, writing a recount, reading and writing poetry and writing a Christmas story. We will be studying 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman, 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit and an adaptation of 'The Snow Queen.'

In our writing we will be learning to use conjunctions and prepositions to extend our sentences - describing, when, where and why things happen. We will also be beginning to look at how to punctuate speech, to look at and use features of non-fiction writing and how to use the possessive apostrophe.

Maths

In Maths we will start the term by looking at the place value of numbers to 1000. This will include reading, writing and ordering them and knowing the value of these digits. Next we will be focusing on adding and subtracting with up to three digit numbers. We will then use these skills to practice solving money and measure problems. We will work on multiplying and practice our multiplication facts and use these to multiply by multiples of ten. In Year 3 our focus is on consolidating x2, x5, x10 and learning x 3, x4, x8. We will start on x 3 this week – and send home times tables books. These are not checked every week, but are a way to support your child in practising at home. You can also use: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> <http://www.timestables.me.uk/printable-pdf-quiz-generator.htm> and many other online programmes to support practise. From Christmas, Year 3 will have access to Times Tables rockstars.

Times tables tests are weekly on a Tuesday. At home, you could support your child to learn how to tell the time using an analogue clock to the nearest 5 minutes and looking at how to make different amounts with money, i.e. different ways to make 76p or £1.27.

Computing

In Computing we will further develop the coding work the children started in Year 2 using the program Scratch. In other areas of computing, we will be looking at Microsoft Word documents and the many different features for presenting documents with images. We will also focus on e-safety ensuring the children know how to be safe when using the internet.



Other Subjects

This term we will start with a local Geography topic looking at our local area and we will be learning to draw maps and keys and learning about the human and physical features of our environment. We will then move onto a Geography unit called 'Extreme Earth' looking at volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. Our Science will link to this, looking at rocks and soils and learning about light – and shadow puppets. In Art we will look at work by Andy Warhol, Hokusai and Angie Lewin, practising painting skills, colour mixing and printing. We will also learn some new joining skills in clay. In R.E. we will be learning about Muhammad, as a leader, and the Islamic faith. Music and French lessons will take place weekly and our D/T project this term will be making our own bunting – I may need to send a little bit of this home for some help if we can't have helpers in school!

PE

Our PE days for this term will be **Monday** and **Thursday**. This half term the children will take part in gymnastics and netball.

On PE days, children may wear their school sports tracksuits with their t-shirt or polo shirt, but must have their shorts either on underneath or with them to change into. Tracksuits will not be worn during PE lessons.

Homework

Reading books will start coming home next week. We expect children to **read to an adult** for at least 15 minutes **each night**. This can be their school library book or a book of their choice. The children also have reading express logins and this is a fantastic way of helping your child develop reading comprehension skills, especially if you support them in their work on it.

We would appreciate a comment or a signature from an adult to acknowledge that you have heard them read nightly. Children need to bring their books into school daily. If your child has a levelled reading book please ensure they read this at least once at home to an adult.

New weekly spellings will be given on Thursday and the spelling test will be on the following Thursday. Please ensure your child practises them and records them in the spelling record book as required.

They should look, say, cover, write and check each word.

Practising daily will help them to put the words and the pattern into their long term memory. The **work should be completed in pencil as it would be at school.**

Times tables practise will be set on a Tuesday and their test will come home to you in a folder so you can see their progress.

Additional Information

I am in school, but not in class on a Thursday. This year Mrs Parker, who is already well known to the children, will be in class Thursdays. There is no in class Teaching assistant in Year 3, which will be a change for the children, so it is important we support them to be independent.

This year KS2 children **do not need** to bring in a spare pair of trainers for the field.

I hope you have found the above information useful. I am very much looking forward to getting to know your children better and to a great term. Please do not hesitate to email me (j.price@leslandes.sch.je) if you have any queries, concerns or questions throughout the term.

Kind regards,

Mrs J. Price