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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3 and the start of Key Stage 2. We would like to give you some more detail about what the children will be learning this term and hope that this will enable you to support your child with their learning.

English – Reading

The following key objectives for reading will be covered through our weekly guided reading sessions and related English lessons:

- I can identify key features of legends
- I understand what I am reading and can explain words in context
- I can predict what will happen next
- I can use a dictionary
- I can retrieve information from non-fiction books
- I can evaluate narrative poems
- I can identify how language and structure contribute to meaning in instructions

You can help by reading at home every day and by asking your child questions about what they have read and about what they think will happen next and why. Reading books are not coming home yet but we will be providing them for use at school. Please try to include a wide variety of reading material; non-fiction books, newspapers (try First News which is available by subscription or locally at Waitrose and WHSmith), The Week and its sister magazine Science and Nature, other magazines and comics are all relevant. Also you could practise looking up unfamiliar words in a dictionary.

English – Writing

When writing across all subjects, it is expected that children will be forming letters correctly, using cursive handwriting and using capital letters and full stops accurately.

We will be focussing on the following Key Objectives this term:

- I can retell a legend
- I can write extended sentences with subordinate clauses

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- I can write dialogue with inverted commas
- I can write statements
- I can write commands
- I can write rhyming phrases

There are weekly lists of spellings to learn and there will be a constant focus on developing a cursive handwriting style with letters correctly formed and of a consistent size. Please ensure that this style, and the correct pencil grip, is used for homework tasks and for any writing they may do at home.

Maths

We will be covering the following key objectives this term:

- Mental addition and subtraction using knowledge of number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, adding by partitioning.
- Number and place value: compare and order 2 and 3 digit numbers, add and subtract 2 digit numbers, rounding 3 digit numbers to the nearest 100.
- Mental multiplication and division: know times tables and related division facts for 2x, 5x, 10x tables and moving on to 3x and 4x tables, doubling and halving, understanding fractions and fractions of numbers, division with remainders.
- Measurement: understanding the calendar, tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes, adding and subtracting amounts of money, measuring length and capacity.
- Shape and space: know the properties of 3D shapes.
- Problem solving across all the above areas

Please help your child to learn and develop a quick recall of their times tables (including related division facts) and number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. A good knowledge of these facts goes a long way towards reducing anxiety about learning new maths processes and makes calculating answers quicker.

Homework

All year groups will give a homework update shortly.

Science

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Topics this term are Light and Forces and Magnetism. We will be doing plenty of practical investigations and children will be encouraged to think of their own questions and plan investigations to answer them.

R.E.

We will start the term by thinking about what it feels like to belong and then introduce the Sikh religion. We will learn about joining the Khalsa and the 5 k's. Towards the end of term we will think about the meaning of the Christmas story.

Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to deliver the computing curriculum. This term topics are coding, touch typing and internet safety.

Geography

This term we will look at rainforests. We will study where they are found, their climate and what lives there. We will look at deforestation and the problems associated with it.

History

This term we study Ancient Egypt. Starting with the importance of the River Nile in Ancient Egypt we will compare the lives of Pharaohs with ordinary people, look at hieroglyphs, the pyramids and the discoveries of Howard Carter, mummification, tomb paintings and the Egyptian Gods. We will look at what we can learn from artefacts.

Art and Design Technology

In Art we will learn some techniques for shading to show tones and texture and use them to draw facial expressions. We will look at the work of Donna Khare and Dirk Dzimirsky. We will also look at the colour wheel. In DT we will design and create a mechanical model of a rainforest animal.

Music

At the moment we hope trombone lessons will start after Christmas but await further guidance on this. Instead Berkshire Maestros will be delivering lessons in musicianship on Thursday mornings this term. Sadly at the moment singing is not possible either so David Manners, who has taught Year 3 and 4 singing and put on various concerts for them to sing at, will not be coming until more positive news about the safety of singing is available.

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P.E. The Premium Sports coach, Mr Hawkes, will be teaching PE on Fridays and I will be taking the other session. Our swimming sessions would usually start in November but again we await further news on this. The Windsor Sports Partnership will be doing a Dance session every week with us after half term.

French

They will be learning to introduce and describe themselves, practising numbers to 20 and will move on to using vocabulary associated with going to school.

PSHE

In PSHE the units are called 'being me in my world and 'celebrating difference'. In the first we look at identifying positive things about us and tackling new challenges positively before talking about rules and responsibilities and how our actions can affect others. In the second we discuss families, feelings and difficult situations we might find on the playground and how to manage them.

To start the term we will be using a book by Oliver Jeffers called 'here we are' which includes opportunities to discuss coming back to school and our feelings as well as exploring aspects of geography and science and other subjects and provides opportunities for writing and art.

We will stay in touch through the class news which is uploaded on Mondays to the website. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need more information by emailing me at e.manners@tssfirst.co.uk.

Kind regards,

Emily Manners.

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