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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Y3,

A very Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and you are feeling well rested. Thank you very much for all your cards and presents.

Spring term is now upon us and we are ready to begin with our brand new themes. In maths this term we will be consolidating the four operations and learning about money and data handling. In literacy we will be exploring Haiku poems and learning how to write instructions. Our main topic this term is going to be geography based. We are looking at the United Kingdom and tying in lots of other aspects of the curriculum such as art, literacy, maths, science and ICT. We'll be looking at where we live and how we can help to improve our local environment.

In science, our topic is 'Animals and Humans', with a focus on nutrition and the human body. The children will learn about the skeleton and the changes that occur as we grow. We will also be continuing to make links to our geography topic during the second half term when our focus will be 'Helping plants grow'. To bring together all the children's learning in these areas, in Spring 2 we will be having a DT week focusing on healthy eating, where food comes from and making smoothies.

Our trip this term will be linked with our RE topic of Islam. We will be visiting a local Mosque to enhance the children's understanding of this religion.

The new home learning grid provides the children with a choice of activities. Like last term, this will consist of 8 activities linked to work we are covering in class, as well as a free choice option where the children can complete an activity of their own choosing linked to something they have enjoyed in class. Children can choose to complete this activity up to three times a half term, as long as some form of evidence is in their book for us to see what they have been doing. Alongside this we expect the children to read with an adult at least 3 times a week, which needs to be recorded in their reading records. Spellings will also be sent out weekly on a Friday and will then be tested the following Friday in class in the form of dictated sentences. Times tables will also be informally tested throughout the week so it is important the children are reminded to practise these regularly at home, both in and out of order. Each week will have a





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different focus, we will be starting by recapping 5s and 10s. Encouraging children to use Time Table Rockstars at home will support this. Children should aim to spend 20 - 30 minutes a day on Home Learning.

Children will continue to change their own books (as long as they have read three times in the week) to encourage independence. Library books can still be changed on a Friday.

Our PE this term is on a Monday and Thursday and will be supported by Mr Liam Willimott. This half term the children will continue developing their gymnastic skills and in outdoor PE the children will be focusing on tennis. Please be aware that your child needs shorts for indoor PE, tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE and trainers. Please make sure all PE kits are in school every day and that every item is labelled clearly with your child's name.

Please also remember that children can bring a healthy snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only) to eat at break time. The children should also have a water bottle in school every day.

Dates to remember:

Maple 3 Sharing Assembly - Friday 20th January 2018

Cedar 3 Sharing Assembly - TBC

Trip to Mosque - Spring 2 (date TBC)

Wishing you all the very best for this term.

The Year 3 team

Miss Lorna Allett ◦ Miss Sarah Allen ◦ Mrs Libby Warren ◦ Mrs Nicole Marshall

