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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3,

We hope you enjoyed a lovely break and managed to spend some time with your families. This summer term we have some great learning themes planned for the children:

- Modern day Egypt
- 'The Bear and the Piano' story
- Forces and magnets
- Cooking and nutrition
- Cricket

Times tables:

Times tables are vital for your child's mathematical learning because it makes calculations easier and quicker for them. Therefore, please support your child by helping them practise their times tables regularly. To make it fun, you could use games online, singing and chanting them on the way to school or through playing maths boards games. Every child has a login for Times Table Rock Stars which they should be using weekly. Your child needs to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 3.

During the summer term in Year 4, the children complete a multiplication check on a computer or tablet. There are 25 questions and the children will be given 6 seconds to answer each one. When they log in to TTRS there is a similar game called 'sound check' that they can use to support them in getting used to this kind of test. The test focuses on all multiplication questions up to 12 x 12. It is vital that your child is practising the tables they have been taught so far so that they are ready to move on to the 6s, 7s and 9s in Year 4.

P.E. Kits:

Just a reminder that our P.E. sessions have changed to **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their full kit on these days (in the summer term they can wear their shorts if it is a warm day). Full P.E. kits: house colour T-shirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a black jumper. Girls need to make sure that their hair is tied back and that they are not wearing any jewellery (hair should be tied back every day please).

Reading:

The children are expected to read at home regularly. We are continuing to use reading journal booklets for Year 3. Please help your child to complete the comments section in their Reading Journal as they read each book. We will be looking through these reading journals with the children every week and awarding dojo points to those children who are reading regularly at home. Reading is essential to help all areas of your child's learning. Make



reading a special time at home by sharing a story or fascinating fact book together and talk about what you have read. This will develop your child's reading comprehension and their love of books.

Home Learning:

Home Learning is sent out on Thursday and is due back to school on the following Tuesday. Children need to complete an activity from the home learning grid every week.

PPA: The Year 3 teachers' planning time is on Wednesday afternoons and will be covered by Mr. Johnson, teaching computing and Madame Watson, teaching French.

Library

We will continue to visit the library on **Tuesdays**. There are still a few outstanding books from last term. Please ensure your child is returning their books regularly as lost or damaged books will be charged for so that we can purchase replacements.

Spellings

Children are given new spellings to learn each Friday. It is important that your child brings their purple spelling book in every day. In their spelling book, we ask the children to record how they have got on in their dictation assessments so that you can be informed at home. Many of our children are forgetting to bring their spelling book in and therefore their spelling list is not stuck in and gets lost, meaning that the children cannot practise their spelling. As well as the weekly spelling lists, please encourage your child to learn the statutory spellings for Year 3 and 4. This list is a separate attachment.

Equipment:

Children are expected to have the following items in school **every day**:

- Named water bottle
 - Reading books and reading journal
 - Purple spelling books
 - Pencil cases – pencils, 30cm ruler, glue stick, whiteboard pen, rubber, sharpener.
- These items are vital to help them complete tasks efficiently to support their learning. For example, we have found that some children are waiting to borrow a glue stick which delays the start to our lessons.

Please support your child so that they have the correct equipment in school.

The Year 3 Team:

Mrs Paton, Miss Kerai, Mrs Jolly and Mrs Warren