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Monday 4th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3

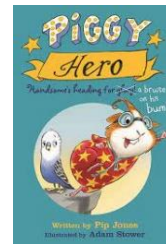
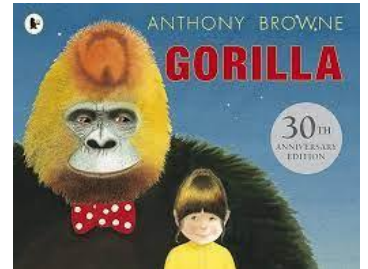
We hope you've had an enjoyable summer holiday and feel excited for the academic year ahead. Each term, we send you a letter to share with you what your child will be learning about in each subject. Next term, Year 3 will begin their 'Villages, Towns and Cities' area of study, with particular links to Geography. The children will learn to describe and understand key aspects of human geography as well as developing their knowledge of population.

In **Geography**, we'll be learning to:

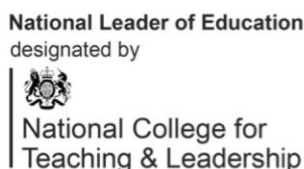
- Recall our knowledge from Year 2 to be able to name the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world
- Name and locate counties and cities of the UK
- Identify the different types of settlements and explore their features
- Identify geographical regions, whilst recognising both their human and physical characteristics
- Begin to learn about key topographical features such as mountains, coasts and rivers
- Begin to compare different geographical regions, commenting on their similarities and differences



In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the genre of 'Creative Description,' where they will read the wonderful text 'Gorilla', by Anthony Browne. In their **Whole Class Reading sessions**, the children will be studying the magical novel 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel,' by Steven Butler in 3EC, 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd in 3LM and 'Piggy Hero' by Andy Stower in 3HB.



Then in **Maths**, the children will be learning how to count from 0 in multiples of 100, whilst finding 10 and 100 more or less than any given number. Additionally, your child will be recapping their understanding of Place Value from Year 2 and will be introduced to 3-digit numbers.





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Finally, in **Science**, the children will be building on their prior learning of suitability of materials, by exploring and understanding ‘Forces and Magnets’.



Learning at Home

In Year 3, the homework expectations include **reading at least five times a week** and **practicing a weekly set of spellings** using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to complete **one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu**. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. Home Learning Books must be in school every day please and will be marked each Thursday.

Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child’s Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.



School Day Arrangement

- Year 3 may arrive at school between 8:30 – 8:55am. Children can enter their classroom via the external door.
- Year 3 will be collected from the left-side of the playground (near the bike track) at 3.15pm each day.

PE this term will be on a **Monday** for Year 3. As we are studying Netball and fitness in PE, we will endeavor to use our outdoor space, therefore, please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle, should the weather be cold/wet or sunny/warm please.

Please could we remind all children that the appropriate PE kit that they need to wear to school on their PE days is a team-coloured PE top, black PE shorts and appropriate footwear such as plimsolls or trainers. Children are not permitted to wear substitute clothing such as football kits, hoodies etc. for their PE kits.

We really look forward to seeing you and your children on **Monday 4th September**.

Best wishes,
Miss. Mason, Miss. Coles and Miss. Bruce

