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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 – Term 3 – Curriculum Letter

What another brilliant term in Year 3, with Christmas Productions, chocolate cake making, supporting local charities and lots of festive fun! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break with your loved ones and that you stay safe during the festive period.

Throughout Term 2, we learned about ‘The Railways’ in History, explored different rocks and how they are formed in Science and developed our drawing skills in Art. Next term, Year 3 will begin their ‘**Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes**’ study with a focus on Geography. This area of study provides children the opportunity to build on their understanding of physical geography and their knowledge from Term 1. The children will gain insight into the key features of mountains including their appearance, how they are formed and what you are likely to see at the top of a mountain compared to the bottom, depending on how high it is.

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

- Understand and describe key aspects of physical geography including mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes
- Use maps, atlases and globes to locate countries
- Describe features studied



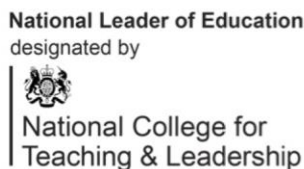
Trips and Visits in Term 3

In Term 3, Year 3 will have the opportunity to visit Lyme Regis where we will consolidate our Science learning carried out in Term 2 on fossils. We will visit the museum and become budding palaeontologists ourselves as we search for fossils on the beach.

In **English**, the children’s writing will be based on ‘Stories from Other Cultures’ and ‘Traditional Tales,’ where they will build on their understanding through a series of core texts. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, the children will be studying ‘Piggy Hero’ in 3EC and ‘The Nothing To See Here Hotel’ in 3LM and ‘The Boy Who Grew Dragons’ in 3HB.



In **Maths**, the children will begin the term revisiting and building upon their knowledge of multiplication and division, then move on to develop their knowledge of length and perimeter.





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Finally, in **Science**, the children will be exploring plants. This will allow them to build on their knowledge from Key Stage 1 where they learnt about plants and their life cycles.



Learning at Home

In Year 3, the homework expectations include **reading at least five times a week** and **practicing a weekly set of spellings and times tables** 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.

PE next term will be on a **Thursday** for Year 3. Lots of the sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle.

We really look forward to seeing you and your children on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,
The Year 3 Team





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What am I going to be learning during the Dreams and Goals topic of PSHE in Year 2?




Goals to Success

I can choose a realistic goal and think about how to achieve it.

I can tell you things I have achieved and say how that makes me feel.

My Learning Strengths

I will carry on trying (persevering) even when I find things difficult.

I will be able to tell you some of my strengths as a learner.

A Group Challenge

I will be able to work well in a group.

I will be able to work well with others in a group to solve problems.

Learning with Others

I will be able to recognise who I work well with and who it is more difficult for me to work with.

I will be able to tell you how working with other people helps me learn.

A Group Challenge (Continued)

I can tell you some ways I worked well with my group.

I can tell you how I felt about working in my group.

Celebrating Our Achievement

I will know how to share success with other people.

I will be able to tell you how being part of a successful group feels and I can store these feelings in my internal treasure chest.



