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Welcome message from the Year 3 Team 2025/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer! The Year 3 team are all looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and have lots of activities planned to allow a smooth transition back.

On Thursday 18th September we will be opening our doors at the end of the day for you to visit the classroom and meet our team.

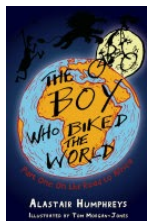
Term 1 Learning

This term, we are excited to be starting our learning about Europe and will be concluding our learning about our home continent. We will be finding out and answering our critical question 'What are the key geographical features of Europe?' Below, you will find an overview of our curriculum and what we will be learning in each subject this term. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher. We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.

Miss Moody and Mr Yarlett

English

In Writing lessons this term, we will be writing recounts, narratives and non-chronological reports. In Reading lessons, we will be reading *The Boy Who Biked the World*, *Planet Omar* and a range of non-fiction texts linked to castles and human skeleton.



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Maths

This term in Maths, we'll be exploring place value to help us understand the value of each digit in a number. We'll also be building our confidence with addition and subtraction, learning different strategies to solve problems and explain our thinking.



Science

This term, we'll be exploring some amazing science topics, including the human body, animals, and how we all stay healthy. We'll learn about the different parts of our bodies and their functions, discover how animals' bodies work too, and compare our diets with theirs.



Geography

Our Geographical question we will be continuing to answer this term is 'What are the key geographical features of Europe?' We will be studying a different country every lesson and developing our understanding of key geographical vocabulary.



Computing

In computing this term, Year 3 will be developing their understanding of digital devices and gaining confidence using devices across the school.



Art and DT

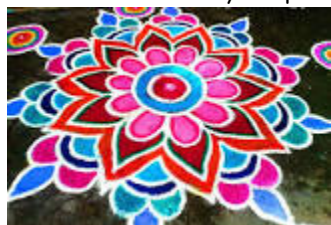
This term in Design and Technology, Year 3 will be exploring the fascinating world of **castles and their structures!** As part of our topic, the children will be learning how castles were



built, what features made them strong and secure, and how to design their own. They will also investigate **3D nets** and how these are used to create the towers, walls, and battlements of a castle.

RE

This term, the children will be exploring the vibrant and fascinating Hindu festival of Diwali. This unit will give pupils the opportunity to learn about key aspects of



Hinduism. From making traditional Diwali decorations to exploring symbolic designs, the children will gain a deeper understanding of the cultural and religious significance of this joyful celebration.

PE

In PE this term, we will be completing 2 topics. One will be with our external sports coaches - this term is Tag Rugby. The second topic will be swimming.

Music

In Music, our topic is linked to our DT unit: Castles. We will be exploring medieval music with a focus on pulse, rhythm and notation.

PSHE

Our Jigsaw piece this term is 'Being Me in My World'. We will be exploring pupils' sense of belonging, identity and safety within their school, community and the wider world.



Home Learning:

Home learning continues to be an important way of supporting your children's progress and we would like to thank you for your continued support – it makes a huge difference and has a positive impact on your child's learning. If you have any questions regarding home learning, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help!

Homework will be set every Friday and needs to be handed in on a Wednesday.

Reading: We encourage children to read on a daily basis, whether this is the school reading book or a book of their choice, recording this in their reading record at least 3 times a week.

PE:

Children are expected to have an appropriate PE kit, including:

- A purple school PE t-shirt or plain purple t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings, or joggers
- Trainers and/or daps

Please, do not hesitate to come to us with any questions or queries throughout the year!

Many thanks,

Miss Moody and Mr Yarlett
Year 3 class teachers