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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to see all of the children back after the summer break and we are really excited about the year ahead. Thank you for your hard work and support in ensuring that the children have returned to school with everything they need and showing such excellent behaviour. This year the 2/3 team consists of Mr Cooper, Mrs Hearn and Miss Read. Helping us in class are Mrs Earnshaw and Mrs Brice.

Year 2/3 Curriculum

Below is an overview of the different topics we will be covering over the autumn term.

English	Non-fiction: Letters, procedural texts Fiction: Diaries, newspaper report Poetry
Mathematics	Number and calculation: Place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division Measurement: Units of Time, Length and Perimeter
Science	Year 2: Living Things and their Habitat Year 3: Animals including Humans, Light and Shadow
History	Shang Dynasty China
Geography	UK Study: Countries, coastlines and cities
French	Year 2: Greetings, farewells, classroom instructions, name phrases, 1-10, tooth fairy. Colours, fireworks, nativity Year 3: Getting to know you, classroom instructions, how are you, extended greetings, 1-31, colours, fireworks. Days and months, birthday, Christmas in France
Art/DT	Art – Incredible You: 2D and 3D portraits inspired by a range of artists DT – Mechanisms - wheels and axles. Design and make a model vehicle for your super student.
Religious Education	Hinduism: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? Christianity: Has Christmas lost its true meaning?
Life Skills/Computing	Computing: Online Safety – safe searching and PEGI ratings Coding – Introduction to coding (Y2), repeating loops and the “if” command (Y3) Life skills: Democracy and Diversity
Music	Brass Bands and Marching Bands
PE	Gymnastics, football, tag rugby

Specialist Teachers

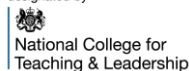
We are fortunate enough to have many specialist teachers across the school. This year the children will have drama, dance and music on a Thursday morning. We encourage the children to wear their PE kit to school on Thursdays, so they are ready for Performing Arts. These sessions will be taught by Carrie, Claire and Mr Morley. On Tuesday afternoons, the Year 2 children will be learning to play the violins, and the Year 3 children will be learning guitar. Mrs Yendley will be teaching the children Art and Mrs Bastable will be teaching French.

Homework

Children are set weekly spelling homework on Spelling shed with new words added every Friday. The children will be tested on their previous week's spellings before the new words are introduced. Alongside this we also set weekly times table homework on TTRS. Children are required to complete at least 15 minutes of spelling and tables practise a week. We recommend doing a few minutes each day. We also ask that your child reads daily at home aloud to an adult.

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Thank you for returning your child to school looking so presentable. The smart appearance of our children is often noted by the public. **Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled**, especially jumpers, as the children sometimes carry them to places other than their classroom, such as their sets. Due to health and safety requirements, it is school policy that all children whose hair is long enough should have it tied up. We also request that children do not have any unnatural colours or extreme styles, for example no stripes or shapes cut into their hair please. Every child should come to school with a coat suitable for wet and wintry weather. The school will provide all stationery necessary for the children's learning. If children choose to bring in a pencil case, they are responsible for ensuring the security of their own belongings. Teachers may allow the use of a pencil case depending on the nature of the lesson.

PE

PE will typically take place on alternate Wednesday afternoons; however, we encourage children to keep their PE kit in school whenever possible to allow for timetable changes. Within their PE kit, the children should have shorts, a white t-shirt and plimsolls for indoor PE and tracksuit bottoms, a sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor PE. They should also have a change of socks. This is especially important for girls who will need to change out of tights for PE. Children with earrings/studs should be able to remove these themselves before PE. Only during the 'healing' period will children be allowed to wear tape to cover these. On Thursdays, we encourage the pupils to wear their PE kit to school so that they are ready for performing arts. We recognise that this may be difficult on some weeks; therefore, a pair of dark tracksuit bottoms or leggings is acceptable and please ensure that your child wears socks rather than tights on a Thursday.

Outdoor Education

This term Outdoor Education will take place on alternate Thursdays. The dates are as follows:

24th September	12th November
8th October	26th November
22nd October	10th December

As the children have performing arts on Thursdays, they do not need a change of clothes for outdoor education. However, we advise that they have a warm top and trousers or leggings to wear outside. Outdoor shoes (wellingtons preferred) are useful during the wetter months. They should also bring a coat to school every day to protect against rain and cold.

Water Bottles

Children are kindly requested to bring a named bottle containing water, which they will have access to throughout the day. We ask this because squash can be very sticky when spilt. Having water readily available also helps to support our Healthy Schools initiative. The children may, however, have a separate drink of squash or similar (no fizzy drinks please) in their lunchbox. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Lunches

Please try and order school lunches at home whenever you can. This is beneficial for the efficient running of the class, and also for the children themselves. It is also nice for you to be able to see what your child is choosing for their lunch. In addition, the Y2 children will continue to benefit from government funding of snacks at morning break time, however they are welcome to bring in a healthy snack from home. We encourage your healthy snacks to be something which does not come in a wrapper. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that our school is a nut free environment and, as such, no products containing nuts should be brought in with their packed lunches.

If you have any questions or concerns as the term continues please feel free to ring or email the school office, and we will respond as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

Peter Cooper	Lis Hearn	Lizzie Read
Yr2/3 Team Leader	Class Teacher	Class Teacher