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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are excited to share with you the learning journey your child will embark on this term in Years 2&3. Our aim is to provide engaging and meaningful experiences that help every child achieve their full potential.

## Curriculum Overview

This term, pupils will focus on:

Subject	Overview
Maths	Multiplication and division Fractions Measurement – mass and time
English	Character and setting descriptions Biographies Information Texts Stories from other cultures Poetry
Science	Year 2: Uses of everyday materials / Animals including humans Year 3: Forces in progress
History	New Kingdom Egypt
Geography	Compass and map skills
Art & DT	Still life – drawing skills Textiles – templates and joining techniques
RE	How can the Bible guide us? (Christianity) Why do Christians call the day Jesus died “Good Friday”? (Christianity)
Music	Programme Music – Peer Gynt
ICT	Year 2: Using spreadsheets to store data Year 3: Navigating spreadsheets and creating graphs
PE	Gymnastics Cross country Health and Fitness
Lifeskills	Mutual respect and relationships

## Specialist Teaching

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.

## PE

Physical Education is an important part of our curriculum, helping children develop fitness, teamwork, and confidence. The children will have PE every other Wednesday (Week 2) as well as a weekly dance lesson with Claire. To allow for timetable variations, **please ensure your child's PE kit is in school all week**. This ensures they are prepared for any changes and can fully participate in all activities. Within their PE kit, the children should have shorts, a white t-shirt 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. Can we please also ask that, for safety reasons, any earrings/studs are removed for all PE activities. We ask you to wait until the summer holidays for any ear piercings to allow them time to heal so they can be removed for PE.

On Thursday children asked to come in to school in their PE kit for Performing Arts that morning.

## Outdoor Learning

This term, Outdoor Education will take place on Thursday. Your child will have outdoor learning every two weeks, beginning from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January. 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.

## Homework

To support your child's learning at home and reinforce key skills taught in class, we set regular homework tasks. These help pupils consolidate their understanding and develop good study habits.

This term, homework will include:

- Weekly spelling homework on ED Shed due every Friday.
- Weekly times tables practice on TTRS (minimum 10 minutes) due every Friday
- Daily reading at home, ideally aloud to an adult.

## Uniform

Thank you for sending your child to school looking so smart and ready to learn! We're proud that the children's appearance is often complimented by members of the community, and we really appreciate your support in keeping up these high standards.

For health and safety reasons, we ask that any child with hair long enough to tie back does so. We also kindly request that hairstyles remain natural and suitable for school. please avoid bright colours or patterns shaved into the hair. Finally, just a reminder that makeup and nail varnish aren't allowed in school. Thank you for helping us reinforce these expectations at home.

## Equipment:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the school's policy on water bottles. Children are kindly requested to bring a bottle containing water which they will have access to throughout the day. We ask for water instead of drinks such as squash, as they can be very sticky when spilt and can cause damage to books and equipment. 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 or energy drinks please) in their lunchbox for when they are in the lunch hall.

As the we navigate the winter months, we ask you to ensure your child has an appropriate waterproof, warm coat in school each day.

Please could you remind your child that toys, fidgets, and valuables should not be brought into school. These items can easily become lost or damaged, and they can also distract from learning. We really appreciate your support in helping us keep the focus on learning throughout the day

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Here's to a successful and enjoyable term!

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

