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Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is here! We hope that you've had a restful break over the Easter period and are eager to return to school for the final push before the end of the year. We are really looking forward to celebrating the achievements of all of the children between now and the summer break. Please can you continue to support your child with accessing their online spelling and times tables practise. We will be hosting catch-up sessions during break and lunchtimes for children who have not practised these at home. If you are having issues accessing the work, please contact your child's class teacher so that we can continue to support you.

Curriculum Overview

English	Newspaper writing Suspense writing Character descriptions Diaries and journals	Persuasive writing Stories from other cultures
Maths	Multiplication and division Fractions Measurement – mass and time	
Science	Year 2: Uses of everyday materials / Animals including humans Year 3: Rocks / Forces and magnets	
History	Victorian Britain	
Geography	Compass and Map Skills	
RE	How can the Bible guide us? (Christianity) Why do Christians call the day Jesus died "Good Friday"? (Christianity)	
Art/DT	Still life – drawing skills Textiles – templates and joining techniques	
PE	Gymnastics Cross country Health and Fitness	
Computing	Year 2: Using spreadsheets to store data Year 3: Navigating spreadsheets and creating graphs	
Life Skills	Mutual respect and relationships	
Music	Programme Music – Peer Gynt	
French	Year 2: Epiphany, birthdays and months, days of the week, minibeasts and colours, Easter traditions, French phonics (er, ai, ui, ll, ou, un), grammar Year 3: Epiphany, domestic animals, numbers to 31, age, Easter traditions, French phonics (eu, ch, oi, ou, in, qua, quin, silent consonants), grammar	

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 Friday morning. These sessions will be taught by Carrie, Claire and Mr Morley. In addition to this, on a Tuesday afternoon, the Year 2 children will be learning to play the violins and the Year 3 children will be learning guitar. Mrs Lockhart will be teaching the children Art and Mrs Bastable will be teaching French.

Homework

Children are set weekly spelling homework on Spelling shed which is due every Monday; they will then receive a spelling test in school on the same day. Alongside this we also set weekly times table homework on TTRS. Children are required to complete at least 15 minutes a week. We also ask that your child reads daily at home and, where possible, aloud to an adult.

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

We would like to humbly request that you 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. Thank you so much for your help with this. In addition, the Y2 children will continue to benefit from government funding (as with universal free school meals) of snacks at morning break time, however they are welcome to bring in a healthy snack in their lunchboxes which they can access at break time. **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. This is imperative to keeping the children with allergies safe.

Uniform

Thank you for returning your child to school looking so presentable. The smart appearance of our children is often noted by the public. It is school policy that children should tie their hair up if it is long enough due to health and safety requirements. We also request that children do not have any unnatural colours or extreme styles, i.e. no stripes or shapes cut into their hair. Please also ensure children do not wear fancy dress headbands to school. As we approach the summer, we encourage children to bring in peaked hats on particularly sunny days as well as sun cream that they can safely apply themselves.

Physical Education

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.

Outdoor Education

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

26th April	10th May
14th June	28th June
12th July	

As the children will be wearing PE kit to school on these dates, we advise that they should also bring with them weather appropriate clothing such as wellington boots and waterproof/warm layers.

With your help, this is sure to be a successful and productive term for all of the children. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Cooper
2/3 Team Leader

Mr Hardacre
2/3AH Class Teacher

Miss Bowskill
2/3EB Class Teacher