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Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is just around the corner, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given thus far, especially with your child's reading, times tables and spelling practise. It really makes a massive difference in school and to the progress we can make together.

Curriculum Overview

English	Persuasive letters Explanation texts Informal Letters Recounts Poetry	
Maths	Year 2: Measurement (capacity, temperature and time) Statistics Geometry Multiplication and Division	Year 3: Measurement (capacity, money and time) Statistics Geometry Multiplication and Division
Science	Year 2: Plants - investigating their growth under different conditions. Exploring seeds. What are suitable conditions for plants to grow in?	Year 3: Plants – structure of plants and the function of each part; what is needed for healthy growth; transportation of water; their life cycle.
History	Stuarts and the Gunpowder Plot	
Geography	Fieldwork – observational skills to understand our local area	
RE	How important is the role of symbols in Sikhism? Why are gurus important in Sikhism?	
Art/DT	Plants in detail – oil pastels and close sketches of plants, experimenting with textures, printing and 3D modelling.	
PE	Gymnastics Athletics – javelins, hurdles, sprint, standing jump Tennis/Cricket – sending and receiving, agile movement	
Computing	Year 2: Presenting Ideas – using IT to explore different topics Year 3: Email – writing and sending email to specific addresses	
Life Skills	Career & Finance Identity & Risk	
Music	The Jungle Book & music of India	
French	Year 2: Colours & numbers revisited, uncommon nouns and animals Year 3: Fruit and veg, masc. and fem. nouns, breakfast foods, asking politely. Colours, where you live.	

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. We encourage the children to wear their PE kit to school on Fridays, 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.

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.

Uniform

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.

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 afternoons. The dates are as follows:

2nd May

20th June

16th May
6th June

4th July
18th July

As the children have performing arts on Fridays, 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.

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

Mrs Hearn
Class Teacher

Mrs James
Class Teacher

