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Dear Parents/ Carers, [OBJ]

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:

English	Persuasive letters Explanation texts Informal Letters	Poetry Recounts
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	The Victorians	
Geography	Continents and the countries of Europe	
RE	Why do people go on religious journeys? How do beliefs and traditions give us a sense of belonging? (Christianity and Hindu Dharma)	
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	Poetic inspirations and graphic scores	
French	Fruit and veg, masc. and fem. nouns, breakfast foods, asking politely. Colours, where you live.	

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



Sam, 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 are asked to come 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 23rd April. 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 Monday
- Weekly times tables practice on TTRS (minimum 10 minutes) due every Monday
- 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 weather is always subject to change, 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
2/3 Team Leader