

Elizabeth Á Linney – Principal

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome you all back to school and to let you know how much we are looking forward to working with you and your children. The lock-down period has been very hard for many families and we are mindful that some children may find the return to school difficult. Please be assured that we will give each child the support they need so that they feel happy and secure in school.

This half term, we will be focusing on the Geography based topic of 'Location, Location, Location'. The children will learn about different geographical aspects of the United Kingdom and consider how tourism can be promoted in different areas. Our topic will provide opportunities for cross-curriculum learning and the development of essential skills.

Here is a list of our subjects for this half term:

English – We will cover narrative and persuasive texts this half-term and will work quickly to identify any missing gaps in the pupils' phonic knowledge.

It is essential that your child reads every day. We ask that you record and sign your child's reading journal when you listen to them read – ideally this should be at least five times a week. Children will continue to move on from colour-banded books to our library system, 'Accelerated Reader'. We aim for your child to change their reading book once a week, but the children are encouraged to read additional books, or other reading material, at home, if they finish their library books. Children should record their additional reading too.

Spelling – In line with the National Curriculum, the children in Year 3 will be covering the spelling lists for years 3-4 in weekly spelling lessons, as well as topic-specific words. Lists of words to learn will be sent home on Friday in class to be learnt throughout the week. The children will be tested on the following Friday. It is important that the children practise these to help them with their writing stages.

Maths – Year 3 follow the 'Maths Mastery' scheme of work and starts this half-term with a focus on number sense, place value and calculation strategies. We will make sure that any missed learning will be covered with adapted schemes of work. Children will regularly practise their times tables and mental maths strategies, with the aim of learning all their times tables (12 x 12) by end of Year 3. Problem solving will be taught throughout all maths lessons; enabling the children to use and apply the skills learnt that week.

Science – Rocks and Soils.

PE – Developing personal skills and physical fitness

PSHCE – Return to school- emotional wellbeing.

Design and technology – Designing and making a magnetic board game

Computing – Creating an advertisement using design software.

Homework will be set on Friday to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

Practising times tables with your child would be a great help too.

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit which should be worn to school every Monday, please make sure your child is not wearing any jewellery such as necklaces or earrings on this day. As we head into colder weather, please make sure your child has a school jumper or a plain navy blue or black jumper (no hoodies please) and black jogging bottoms/leggings.

Your child should bring a school bag every day to store their belongings and for any letters that may be sent home. Children in the juniors may bring a healthy snack to school, to be eaten during morning break. Please note no nuts

of any kind. Children should also bring a water bottle to be kept in the classroom, which may be refilled throughout the day.

We are currently unable to meet face-to-face with parents. If you wish to contact us then please do so by emailing the school office.

The Year 3 Team

