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Friday 6th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and new year. This letter sets out some key information for the term ahead. Please continue to check ClassDojo regularly for updates about our learning and other key information.

Along with this letter is an overview of curriculum topics for this term. The focus for the term is 'Terrific Tewkesbury'; we will be

completing a local study of our town in our geography lessons and linking this to learning in other subjects.

PΕ

- Please ensure children bring in their PE kits each Monday morning; these will come home later in the week to be washed and returned into school the following Monday.
- Part of our PE curriculum for this term is swimming, as described in a previous letter. The dates of our swimming sessions are: 10th January, 17th January, 24th January, 31st January, 7th February, 14th February, 28th February, 7th March, 14th March, 21st March.

For these sessions, children will need to bring to school a swimming costume (one piece for girls and trunks for boys) and a towel in a waterproof bag. Children are encouraged to wear goggles and they may also bring a swimming hat if needed.

Outdoor Learning

For Dove Class, outdoor learning is on a Tuesday. For Woodpecker Class, outdoor learning is on a Friday.

Please ensure that on Outdoor Learning days children bring their outdoor learning kit into school. The outdoor area can be very muddy at this time of year so we would recommend wellies and waterproofs and plenty of layers for the cold weather. Please make sure all items are labelled with names as well to avoid things going missing!

Home Spellings

We will send out the spellings as a PDF file on Class Dojo each Friday afternoon, ready for the following week. The children practise these spellings in school each morning and are then tested on a Friday. Please continue to practise spellings at home with children.

Reading at Home

We encourage children to read at home with an adult four times per week, or more if preferred! Please note down when this takes place in children's reading diaries as this helps us in school to monitor children's progress in reading. We will collect reading diaries in once a fortnight – every other Friday, commencing Friday 13th – to monitor children's progress.

Homework

- All children are set activities on Doodle Maths each Wednesday; please ensure children complete these activities by the
 following Wednesday. These activities align with the children's maths lessons in school and therefore consolidate their
 learning.
- Homework books continue to be handed out on a **Wednesday**, and are due back in school the following **Monday**.

 Homework books have been updated with a new grid of exciting activities linked to our learning in school. Please choose one of these activities to complete with your child each week and sign on the grid to indicate which one you have chosen.

 We would love to see what you have been up to, either in the homework book or on ClassDojo via the children's portfolios.

We are very excited to make a great start on this term's learning! If you have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact us via ClassDojo.

Kind regards,
The Year 3 Team
Mr Treacy, Miss Man, Mrs Singer and Mrs Coleman

Theme: Terrific Tewkesbury Year 3 Spring 2023

Computing

We will be using the programme
Scratch to learn coding skills, and also
learning how to build a simple
database.

MFL (Modern Foreign Languages)

We will be learning the names of colours, foods and fruits, and learning how to use this vocabulary in conversations.

R.E

In R.E. we will be studying what the Gospels mean to Christians. Our focus questions will be 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' and 'What is the Trinity and why is it important to Christians?'

History/Geography

We will be completing a local study of Tewkesbury, thinking about its first settlers and the significant buildings that were first built. We will then compare our locality to Florida in terms of both physical and human geography.

Music

As musicians, the children will be creating rhythmic patterns and performing them using notation. They will also be studying and practising percussion and pitch.

Life Skills

Physical health and mental wellbeing, and respecting ourselves and others.

Mathematics

The children will continue to learn the skills of multiplying and dividing, before moving onto length and perimeter, fractions and working with mass and capacity.

Art / D&T

In art, the children will be developing their skills in drawing, using a range of tools and techniques to develop their skills.

Science

As scientists, we will learn about movement and healthy eating. We will explore a range of foods as well as understanding the need for a healthy, balanced diet. We will look at how food affects our bodies.

P.E

Our PE lessons this term will focus on developing our swimming skills, and on our balance, co-ordination and cognitive skills in Real PE. The children will also be developing their swimming skills.

English

We will continue with our "Talk for Writing" approach to teaching English with the children learning model texts at the beginning of each unit. We will be focussing on how to write adventure and wishing tales, and persuasion texts.