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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a very quick half term break to a new term and a new school.

Attached with this letter is an overview of the topic planned for this half term - outlining what your child will be learning, to enable you to support them with homework and queries.

Parent Consultation evenings are on the 18th and 19th March. Please take the opportunity to use our online booking system to make an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss the progress he / she has made this year. If you are unable to attend please make an alternative appointment with Mr Tilling or Miss Mawudoku.

We will be learning about Plants this half term, which will involve planting seeds and bulbs and understanding the life cycle of plants. Our English work will be linked to the fiction text 'The Day the Crayons Quit' with the expectation that all children will write their own works of fiction by the end of the term.

This term the children will continue with their swimming lessons at Waterside Pool in Ryde on Wednesday afternoons, finishing on Wednesday 1st April. They will be accompanied by Mrs Johnson, Miss Vernau, Miss Sears and Mrs Jacobs. Please ensure they bring an appropriate swimming costume, (P.E. shorts are not acceptable), and a large towel in a waterproof bag. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed. The children may arrive back to school just after 3pm and will be dismissed from the usual exit at the side of the building. The feedback from the swimming lessons last half term has been extremely positive and all of the children have made amazing progress!

We are still timetabled to have P.E. on Monday afternoons - in the hall if it is wet and outside if the weather permits. Children will need sports trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt for this if we are outside in addition to their usual indoor PE kit. (Tracksuits do not need to be in the school colours!) Please make sure full PE kits are named (including trainers) and always available in school and that your child has appropriate hair bands, ear-tape, etc., so they can participate in all sessions. Girls who wear tights to school need to have spare socks for PE lessons please.

Lots of children have been turning up without kit recently which has been problematic because we only have a few spare kits to lend out, if you have any kits that your child has outgrown, please consider donating it (including trainers) so that we can accommodate for the occasional forgetful child!

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Reading books need to come into school daily. Please continue to regularly listen to your child read, too. They will receive a sticker for the class chart each day their Reading Record is signed by an adult. Spellings and times tables remain a focus for all children and should be practised daily at home as well as every morning in school. Spelling lists will be sent home today containing all of the spellings for this half term. Please ask for a replacement if your child mislays their copy.

The family homework project is to create an interesting pot to grow cress in - your child should have taken their cress seeds home by now, if you need more, please ask!

Maths Challenges will continue to be sent home each Wednesday, to be completed and returned by the following Monday, and Literacy based homework will be sent home weekly on a Friday, to be completed by the following Wednesday. Children who do not complete their challenges or homework at home will be expected to complete it during their own time in school. Homework is important for many reasons: it helps pupils consolidate their learning, it encourages independence and it is set out in the home school agreement as it is one of the major ways you can be involved in your child's academic progress. Please ensure your child gets it done!

Please provide a drinks bottle for your child to use in the classroom. This needs to be named to avoid confusion and is expected to remain in school. Juice and fruit drinks are not permitted during lesson times.

Please remind your child that tuck money should be kept in a named purse or envelope in their book bag. Tuck money **should not be shared** with friends but is for personal purchases only.

If for any reason the planned arrangements for collecting your child change or if you are delayed at the end of the school day, please let Miss Rorich in the office know as soon as possible. If you are running late please come to the main office to collect your child.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, their education or any situation outside of school that may be affecting their learning in school, please contact us, either via the office to make an appointment or directly after school. We will do our best to return phone calls as soon as we are able to but please be patient as we often have clubs and meetings after school.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Tilling, Miss B Mawudoku
and the rest of the Year 3 Team.

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