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Friday, 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. Once again, we have lots of exciting topics and activities planned for the coming term.

We will be learning about Rivers this term as part of our *Go with the Flow* topic. We intend to take both classes out during school time to investigate local rivers. We will inform you of the dates of the trips once they have been confirmed. On these occasions your child will need suitable footwear for walking long distances, a warm waterproof coat, a hat, scarf and gloves, if the weather requires it.

This term the children will have swimming lessons at Waterside Pool in Ryde on Tuesday afternoons, starting on Tuesday 10th January. They will be accompanied by Mrs Johnson, Mrs Cade, Mrs Tilling, Mrs Tate, Mr Gwilliam, Mrs Daly & Mrs Kingsbury. 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 door.

As well as swimming, we are timetabled to have P.E. on Wednesday afternoons - in the Hall if it is wet and outside if the weather permits. Children will need to wear sports trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt to school for this in addition to their usual indoor PE kit. (Tracksuits do not need to be in the school colours!) Please make sure your child has appropriate hair bands, ear-tape, etc., so they can participate in all sessions.

Reading books need to come into school daily. Please continue to regularly listen to your child read, too. Spellings and times tables remain a focus for all children. Maths Challenges (Times tables) and Spelling homework will continue to be sent home each Friday, to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday.

The family homework project linked to our class topic this half term is to research a World River and compile a fact file about it to share with the rest of the class. The homework projects that we received last term were fantastic but we were disappointed that many children didn't take the opportunity to make a stone-age home with their family.

Working together for a successful future

At the end of the school day the children will be accompanied to the usual outside door by a member of staff to meet you, unless we have an agreed arrangement to send them to a sibling's class. Please ensure you inform a member of the office staff in advance if someone else is collecting your child from school. If you are delayed at the end of the school day, please let Miss Rorich in the office know as soon as possible. Your child will be waiting in the area in front of the office.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us on via the school office on 01983 292872 or email on the following addresses:

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Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Tilling Miss A Hunter
and the rest of the Year 3 Team.