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Friday, 5th January 2024

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 9th January. They will be accompanied by Mrs Johnson, Mrs Cade, Mrs Tilling, Mr Gwilliam, Mrs Kingsbury & Miss Lovett. 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. Swimming costumes should not be worn into school in the morning. The children may arrive back to school just after 3pm and will be dismissed from the usual door. Please ensure all of your child's clothing is named to avoid confusion when they are getting changed after swimming.

As well as swimming, we are timetabled to have P.E. on Monday afternoons in the Hall, Children will need to wear their usual PE kit. Please make sure your child has appropriate hair bands, ear-tape, etc., so they can participate in all sessions. As the children will be bare foot for some of our Gymnastic sessions, if they have a verruca please cover this with a plaster as they may slip if wearing socks.

Reading books need to come into school daily. Please continue to regularly listen to your child read, too.

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.

As before, children will have weekly spellings and times tables to practice at home.

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.