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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely three and a bit weeks settling into Class 3. The children all seem happy and settled and are getting into the routines of the classroom, which is wonderful to see!

Science – Rocks, Soils and Fossils

In Science, the children have loved exploring different types of rocks and investigating their properties. If you have any rock samples or fossils at home, we would be delighted if the children could bring them in to share with the class. We will make sure they are kept safe at school, or they can be returned home once we have had a chance to look at them.

RE – How do Ancient Stories Influence Modern Celebrations?

We had great fun last week learning a dance for Diwali! Our RE topic this half term explores how ancient stories influence modern celebrations. There are some photos on Tapestry and a short video.

So far, we have learnt about Hanukkah and how Jewish families celebrate this festival. The children even made their own dreidels and explored the story behind the celebration.

We have also been learning about Diwali, exploring Hindu traditions and discussing how light plays an important role in many religious celebrations. We will go on to explore Advent and the importance of light for Christians, before considering pagan celebrations of the solstices.

English – Woolly Mammoth Instructions

In English, we are continuing with our woolly mammoth story and the children are enjoying writing their own sets of instructions. It has been wonderful to see so many children already earning their pen licences – well done! Please continue to encourage your child to practise their handwriting at home using the sheets provided. Keep up the great work and who knows who will be next to receive their pen licence!

Homework

Spellings

Please continue to support your child with their weekly spelling homework. The sheets should be stuck into their orange spelling books.

- Year 4 children should return their books on Wednesday morning to be checked and tested.
- Year 3 children should return their books on Thursday morning to be checked and tested.



We expect each spelling to be written at least three times. Please encourage your child to use the lines on the sheet to help them form their letters accurately and maintain consistent letter sizing.

Optional Maths Homework

From next, we will start uploading optional Maths homework to Tapestry. We strongly encourage children to complete these activities, as they link directly to the learning taking place in class and provide a valuable opportunity to practise and embed new skills.

Sometimes there will be separate Year 3 and Year 4 activities. On other occasions, we may upload a differentiated worksheet with three levels of challenge: easy, medium and harder. Most activities will include an answer sheet, which families can use to check answers together.

How to Access Maths Homework on Tapestry

1. Log in to Tapestry.
2. Go to **Docs and Downloads**, then click on **Documents**.
3. Scroll down until you find the folder called **Y3/Y4 Maths Homework 26–27 (Optional)**.
4. Open the folder to find the weekly worksheets.

Times Tables – TTRS

New Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) logins have been sent home and can be found inside your child's reading record.

Please encourage your child to use this fun resource regularly to practise their times tables. We will have a times tables test each week on a Thursday. Children will know what times tables they are on. This is particularly important for our Year 4 children, who are expected to develop speed and accuracy across all 12 times tables by the end of Year 4. We know they can do it!

Reading

As always, we strongly encourage regular reading at home and ask that this is recorded in your child's reading record. Team points are awarded for consistent signatures each week.

Asking a few simple questions about what they have read is a great way to check their understanding and develop their comprehension skills.

Looking Ahead – Harvest Week

Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating Harvest Week, which will culminate in our Harvest Assembly.

I wonder what Class 3 will be doing? You will have to come along and see!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We really appreciate the part you play in helping the children have a happy and successful start to the year.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

The Class 3 Team

