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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year. It's lovely to see the children already settling back into the new school year and we look forward to a fun term in Year 3. This term our topic is 'The Heart of the South Downs'. The topic will incorporate a variety of curriculum areas including:



Science – Children will be learning about rocks (including looking at the type of rocks in the local area) and light.

Art – In art we are focussing on the artist Hockney. We will be looking at primary and secondary and colours, drawing a one point perspective and painting landscapes.

DT – In Design and Technology, Year 3 will be learning and creating simple circuits using batteries, wires and lightbulbs. We will be designing and creating a battery operated light focussing on design features and what the light will be used for.

Geography – Linked to our topic, we will be heading out to walk part of the South Downs Way and learning about how the geology, landscape and habitats make our local area special. Children will be learning about mapping and locating features on an OS map. As part of learning about local Geography, we will also be walking to St. Anne's Hill to observe how settlements have changed over time.

History – This term our topic in History is Stone Age to Iron Age.

PE – In PE this term we are doing dance and gymnastics. In dance, the children will be focussing on movement, rhythm and choreography. In gymnastics, we will be using focussing on rolls, balance and jumps and learning to arrange short sequence.

RE – In RE the big questions for this term are; 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' and 'What is it like to follow God?'

Music – This term, we are following a unit of work with on Charunga which gives opportunities for children to sing, learn about rhythm, beat and tempo. The children also have weekly singing with other classes.

French – This term, we will be learning about greetings, numbers up to 30 and French culture.

Computing – Year 3 will be learning about online safety this term as well as an introduction to touch typing.

Our PE days are Mondays and Thursdays. Please make sure kit is named. We know getting changed for PE is a new routine and we will make sure children feel comfortable when doing this.

In Year 3, children are no longer provided a fruit/vegetable snack at playtime but they can bring in their own healthy fruit or vegetable snack to eat. We do encourage children to bring in spare wellies or trainers that they can wear on the field.

The children will be set homework this year which will include spellings and times tables to learn. These times tables will be primarily set on 'TT rockstars'. Each child has been given log in details for this. Children are also expected to read regularly at home as this really helps their reading progress and helps to encourage enjoyment of reading. Please ensure you (or your child) writes in their reading record when they have read at home. Every Monday we will check the reading records and any child who has read 4 or more times the previous week will be given a reading star.

If you need to discuss any issues regarding your child, we are available all days after school except Tuesday and briefly in the morning (apart from Mondays).

Thank you for your support

Mrs P Apperley and Mrs J Moorcroft