

HEADTEACHER – MR M JEFFERSON BA(HONS) MMUS QTS

## Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well, we are all well and truly settled into the Summer term! It's lovely to see the children already immersed in their learning and enjoying our exciting topic - 'Life on the Edge'. The topic will incorporate a variety of curriculum areas including:

**Science** – We are currently learning about plants in this first half of term. During the second half term, children will be learning about animals including humans.

**Art –** In art we are studying the works of Katsushika Hokusai. The children will be developing printing and painting skills to create a final masterpiece!

**DT** – In Design and Technology, Year 3 will be learning about structures – specifically shell structures using computer aided designs.

**Geography –** After half term, Maple Class will be focussing on North America.

**History –** This term our topic in History is the Romans which the class is already immersed in.

**PE –** We are very lucky this term as we have swimming, cricket, rounders and athletics – phew!

**RE –** In RE this term, Year 3 will be learning about Judaism and inspirational people in Hinduism.

**Music** – This term, the children are learning how to use and play the glockenspiel. The children also have weekly singing with other classes. We are also learning to sing '3 Little Birds'.

**French** – This term, we will be learning days of the week, months and consolidating numbers to 30. We will also be looking at the Roman story of Romulus and Remus in French as Little Red Riding Hood – seeing if we can identify known words and phrases already learnt.

**Computing –** Year 3 will be revisiting e-safety, graphing and email.

As you are well aware, our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure kit is named.

A reminder that 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.

Homework includes spellings and times tables to learn. As well as learning the times tables that they have been set, we encourage children to play times tables rockstars at home. 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. Your child should also be practising any spellings. The school uses Spelling Frame which children can access at home. New spellings and spelling tests are now every other week so children have two weeks to learn their spellings.

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