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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and are looking forward to another busy term ahead!

Curriculum:

Our topic for the spring term is 'Rocking All Over the World'. The children will be taking a musical journey through the history of rock music as we explore our planet. We will be learning about the geology of earth and physical features such as volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes. We will study the importance of Cornwall's geology, the history of mining and how it has shaped our locality today. After half term, the children will embark on their own rock star world tour, contrasting other countries from around the globe with our own. A topic overview with further details of our learning has been sent home.

We have specialist teachers that will take the children for certain sessions:

- Ms Trula (HLTA) – Spanish (Monday)
- Mr Bacon (PE TA) – PE (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Mr Hawken – Music (Wednesday)

Reading Books:

Information regarding changes to home reading can be found on this week's newsletter. With the majority of school book reading (for AR quizzes) now taking place in school, your child will be reading quietly in class each day. Our classroom will have dedicated laptops set up to allow the children to take their AR reading quizzes when necessary. Children will be responsible for changing and selecting their school reading book. The children are also encouraged to take home a library book and will have the opportunity to change this on a weekly basis.

It is expected that the children will complete a reading task at home **at least 5 times per week**. Each reading 'session' should be for at least 10 minutes and will require an adult signature in the reading record for verification. Reading in Key Stage 2 is obviously of vital importance for the children's progress and we appreciate your cooperation with this.

Homework:

As the children progress through KS2 the amount of homework will slowly start to increase. The children will receive their homework by **Tuesday** and it is expected that the homework will be completed and handed in by the following **Monday** morning. If homework deadlines are changed, the children will be clearly informed. Homework this term will consist of:

- Times tables practise and maths activity sheets
- Weekly spelling lists.
- Occasional extra tasks linked to our curriculum units

Although homework tasks will be sent home to aid the learning of times tables, it is important to remember that **the homework task is to learn the times tables and spellings** as opposed to completing the

accompanying tasks. The Times Table challenges will take place on a Monday. The maths activity sheets will be self-marked by the children during a whole class marking session in which the teacher will go over the activities to embed learning.

Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend **no more than 2 hours a day** in front of a screen (TV/ PC/ Laptop/ Tablet/ Smart phone/etc).

PE:

PE is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, although we ask that P.E kit is present in school each day.

We would like to remind you that PE kit consists of:

- Black shorts or leggings
- School PE top or plain white round necked T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits (for outside PE during colder weather)
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE/swimming

Children will have swimming lessons in the summer term. Further details of this will be sent home nearer the time.

Daily Physical Activity

In addition to PE lessons, we are now getting pupils involved in structured daily exercise in order to boost health, self-esteem and academic performance. For a short period of approximately 10-15 minutes each afternoon, the children will be running or taking part in fitness workouts. To help make this possible, we are asking that children have **a pair of trainers and jogging-style trousers in school every day (they may already have these as part of their PE kit)**. These can be kept at school and then taken home for washing when necessary. Depending on the weather, our daily physical activity may take place inside or (hopefully!) outdoors.

Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Year 3. If you have any pressing issues that need to be addressed, you may speak with the adult on the door in the morning who will pass your message on. Alternatively, you can call the office to make an appointment to see the teacher after school.

We look forward to working closely with you and your children this term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tonkin

