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Dear Parents/Carers,

Curriculum:

Our Topic for the Summer Term is 'Romans and Rivers'. For the whole of this term we will be going back in history some 2000 years as we explore the period in Britain's history when the Romans ruled our land. We will also take a look at the wider Roman Empire and the area it covered. Throughout this topic we will be considering the legacy of the Roman's arrival in Britain and how it still affects our life today. Alongside this history focus, the second part of our topic will be centred around rivers. We will research some of the world's most famous rivers. In geography we will learn how rivers are formed and their impact on the land and people around them. 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 (Wednesday and Friday)

Reading Books:

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 and support 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 activities.
- 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.

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 Wednesdays and Fridays, 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

Our Wednesday PE lesson will be swimming. Details of our swimming sessions have been sent in a separate letter.

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. There will be opportunities during the year when we would very much welcome your support. It may be to come in and listen to readers or support in practical lessons and activities. Also if you have any specific skills you can offer and would like to share these with the children, please do let us know.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tonkin

