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CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely time over the Christmas holidays. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all your cards, gifts and good wishes at the end of last term. They were all very much appreciated. This letter contains all the key information you need to know for the term ahead, but please don't hesitate to ask if you have any further questions.

Curriculum

The children will continue have daily English and Maths lessons, with extra sessions covering grammar, spelling, handwriting and times tables. Our initial focus in Maths will be on multiplication and division, before we move on to learning about money and measuring length and perimeter. We will also start to look at fractions towards the end of term. In English, our first unit of work will be based on humorous poems. We will also work on recounts and letter-writing. Every child will be part of a small guided reading group, and there will also be a whole-class reading comprehension lesson during the week.

Our topic in Science will be Plants. In the first half term we will focus on Roots and Shoots before looking at Flowers, Fruits and Seeds after half-term. Our theme is called Trade and Transport, which has a History focus. We will investigate the development of trade and transport from the Iron Age to modern day. In RE we will be thinking about prayer and meditation as well learning about the Easter story at the end of term. Mrs Massara will continue to teach Spanish on Thursday afternoons. We will also end the term with a DT project when we will be building small electric cars.





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PE

There will be 2 PE lessons every week. For the first half term, Year 3 will have dance lessons led by an expert teacher in preparation for a performance as part of the Brewery Dance Platform. The other lesson will be hockey with Mrs Alderson on Thursday afternoons. After half term, lessons will be on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. It is essential that the children have the correct PE kit in school at all times.

Just to remind you, our school PE kit is:

- Blue school PE T-shirt
- Navy PE shorts
- Navy jogging pants
- Blue school PE hoody
- Plimsolls for inside
- Trainers for outside PE

Home Learning

This will continue as last term. Please keep supporting your child with learning their Times Tables. The children are making excellent progress through Times Tables Rock Stars and I am sure that this will continue. Please also continue to listen to your child reading and discuss their books with them so that they can complete the weekly Reading Challenge. I will set further Home Learning tasks and a project linked to our theme. If you have any questions about Home Learning, please do not hesitate to ask.





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Important Dates

Monday 14th January - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 15th January - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 15th January - meeting about Year 3 residential visit

Tuesday 12th February - visit to Buddhist Temple, Ulverston

Friday 15th February - Half term starts

Monday 25th February - School re-starts

Monday 18th March - Brewery Dance Platform performance (afternoon & evening)

Friday 5th April - Term ends

We always welcome parental support in school, in fact, we cannot manage without it very often! So please let me if there is anything you would like to help out with. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any other questions or concerns. Many thanks for your support so far.

Nicola Wright

