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Welcome back Year 3! We hope you have all had a lovely half term break.

This term we are going to be studying a Geography Topic on a non European country:

Canada. We will be using atlases to understand Earth's features before we research and learn key facts about Canada. We will spend time analysing and comparing Canada's physical and human features in contrast to our own to build an appreciation for the world we live in. Remember to stay up to date with our class on Dojo. If you ever need any help, have any questions or would like to give us additional information about your child, please don't hesitate to speak to us after school or ring the office to make an appointment.

Mrs Coverdale (Mon-Wednesday) and Mrs Mosley (Wednesday-Friday)

Our focus in English will begin by looking at recounts, using the story 'Diary of a Killer Cat.' We will be focusing on using emotive language and revising past tense suffixes and adverbs to create structure. After that, we will move on to writing a **explanation text** about how magnets work, which is linked to our science topic.

In Maths this half term, we will be learning how to **add and subtract** 3-digit numbers using the column method. Please look at our calculation policy for how it is set out and help your child by ensuring they set it out just as they would at school. Moreover, we will focus on writing and calculating mathematical statements for multiplication and division by using and learning new multiplication tables in Year 3: **2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s.** Please use Times Tables Rockstars as much as possible at home to learn all times tables.

In Science, we will be exploring Forces and Magnets: we will revisit what we know from forces and materials in Year 2, before we then investigate how friction works through investigation, observe how magnets behave and identify which materials are magnetic and why.

Reading is as important as ever in Year 3 and our phonics scheme will help us consolidate our previous Year 2 learning and current Year 3 spelling patterns. We encourage children to **read at home as much as possible** and bring their book and signed reading record in daily.

In Love to Read, we will be reading 'Pugs of the Frozen North' in line with our Canada topic, as well as 'An Interview with a Shark' by Andy Seed and Nick East, which engages us in non-fiction and how speech is used.



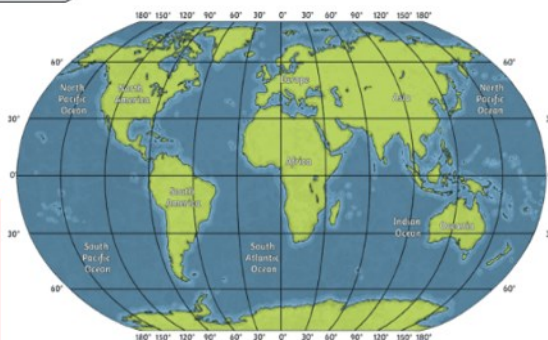
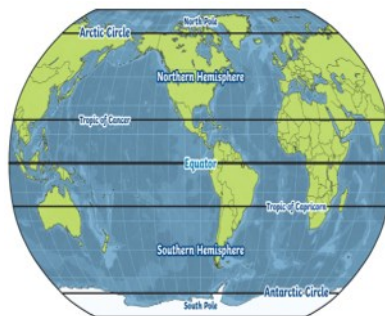
PE this half term is on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please wear your school PE kit on these days — plain red t-shirt, navy shorts or trousers and trainers or black pumps. Please do NOT wear non school uniform logo jumper/hoody, your normal school jumper is fine. Monday's lesson will focus on games—Dodgeball and on Wednesday we will be doing dance.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a clean water bottle, a jumper and water-proof coat for those rainy days.

In Design and Technology this half term, our focus will be to create our own Christmas cards...using sliders and levers to create a sensory experience for you to enjoy!

In **Music** this half term, we will be introducing and using the Glockenspiel.

Year 3 **homework** will be sent out every week on **Wednesday** and should be returned by the following Wednesday. We will review homework and spelling patterns in class, and give children the opportunity to practise the skills learnt at school that week, at home, so that you as their parent/carer can see their progress.



Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight
accidentally	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
actual	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actually	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
address	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
although	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	thought
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	through
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	various
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	weight
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	woman
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	women
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	