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

This term we will continue building our Geographical knowledge across different countries, by exploring China! This will involve computer mapping skills, understanding key facts about the Yangtze river, explaining trade links between China and the rest of the world, and how the land is used.

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.

Our focus in English will be **Harry Potter non-chronological reports!** We received a letter from Professor Dumbledore who has invited us to become part of Hogwarts for this half term. We will look at how non-chronological report features help tell the amazing facts and tourist information about the Harry Potter Studios, J.K. Rowlings success with the books.

In Maths this half term, we will be learning how to **multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by one digit** using portioning and lots of different types of equipment to help embed this concept, as well as **length and perimeter, finding fractions of amounts, and calculating mass and capacity**. Please look at our calculation policy for how to set out anything we send for homework and help your child by ensuring they set it out just as they would at school. Finally, please continue to embed and practise their times tables, which are essential for them to quickly recall by the end of Year 3: **2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s**. Use TTRS to practise them as well.

In Science, we will be exploring Light. 'What are different sources of light and how do I explain what darkness is?' We will look at how we see, reflective surfaces and how shadow are formed. After that, we are exploring what it means to work scientifically.

Reading is as important as ever in Year 3 and the 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 'Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman, a fiction book in line with our China topic.



PE is on **Monday and Friday** this half term. Please wear your school PE kit on these days — plain red t-shirt, navy shorts or trousers and trainers or black pumps.

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

In **Art** this half term, will be painting colour sheets, using knowledge of mixing colours to create a collage using them. This will be influenced by the work of Matisse and Woodsey Thomas.

In **Computing** this half term, will be exploring and programming using Scratch

In **RE**, our big question is 'What is the Trinity?'

Year 3 **homework** will be sent out every week on **Wednesday** and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Spellings are sent out on a **Tuesday**. 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	