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

This term we will develop our geographical knowledge by exploring South America and the Rainforest! Continuing to develop our atlas skills, we will travel to different countries in South America along with their cities, compare vegetation belts across Brazil, settlements in Peru and investigate rainforests.

School trip - Our school trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park in on Wednesday 3rd June. More information will be sent out shortly.

Our focus in English will be **Newspaper Reports** and **Free-Rap Poetry**. We will look at some pretty serious accusations made by the Big Bad Wolf and write police reports on our findings, before creating our own news reports using direct speech. Please ensure that you make time at home to work on handwriting so that your child's letter formation (letter size and shape) is improving and consistent.

In Maths this half term, we will be continuing with **mass and capacity** then looking in more detail at **fractions** adding and subtracting fractions as well as looking at **time and money** in more detail. 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.

In Science, we will be exploring 'Animals—including humans', with a particular focus on the food we eat and its nutritional value, animal and human skeletons and their movements and how muscles contribute to our movement.

Reading is as important as ever in Year 3. 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 enjoying the wonders of Rainforest Poetry. We will be using our visualisation skills to enjoy the colourful poems as we read together. These poems will be about the different animals and scenery we come across as we travel through South America.



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PE is **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** this half term. On Wednesday we have a dance teacher coming in to deliver the lessons. Please wear your school PE kit on these days — plain red t-shirt, navy shorts or trousers and 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 exploring how to print by investigating architecture in our local area, considering shapes used within architecture and how we can use print to express our ideas using two or three colours.

In **Music**, we are looking at **Dragon Songs** from around the world, by listening to the songs, appraising them, learning them and performing them.

In **RE** our big question will be 'Who can inspire us?' We will be thinking about who inspires us personally and then looking at inspirational figures within different religions.



# 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	