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Termly Learning Letter - Team 3/4

Dear Everyone,

Welcome back to the spring term, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We have a lot of exciting learning opportunities this term, among them a special visit from a WW2 ARP Warden and a trip around Plymouth City Centre to look for the impact the War had on our City. We have also been lucky enough to be offered enough free tickets to take the whole of Y3/4 to hear the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform in Exeter. We are very grateful for the support of the School Association in this trip, as they have funded the cost of the coaches for this visit. As you are already aware, Mrs Marks is now on maternity leave, so 3M4 will be taught by Mr Wenner and Mrs Keylock for the remainder of this year. In these first weeks of term, the children will be given their new targets for English and maths. Please ask your child to share what they will be working to improve. As ever, if you have any concerns about your child's progress, please make an appointment with the teacher concerned.

This term we will be learning about:

English - covering the National Curriculum through a range of text types	Y3: Adventure and mystery stories, Instructional Texts, Letters, Non-Chronological Reports. Y4: Stories with issues and dilemmas, Information texts, Letters, Newspaper Reports.
Maths	Number, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, shape, measure, data, fractions
History	Plymouth during World War 2.
Science	Light, Rocks and Fossilisation
ICT	Using Google Chrome Books to create ID cards and WW2 propaganda, working collaboratively to share learning using Google Slides.
Music	Y3- Learning to play the recorder Y4- First Access stringed instrument tuition lessons with a specialist teacher
Art and Design	Exploring a range of media linked to topic
Religious Education	Symbols and religious expression, Easter
Physical Education	Multi-Skills, gymnastics, dance linked to history topic
Modern Foreign Languages	French songs and vocabulary: Parts of the body, adjectives, describing ourselves, Easter
PSHCE	The Compton Values, British Values - Mutual Respect, Reflections on weekly assembly themes

Organisation for learning

We continually monitor children's progress in English and maths, to ensure they are grouped into sets to support their progress and ensure learning is aimed at appropriate levels. For both English and maths, the children are taught in their year groups to ensure they follow the appropriate curriculum. Spelling words are linked to class learning and your child will have new spellings every Friday to bring home, in order to learn for a test the following Friday. They are also encouraged to learn multiplication tables at home, for regular class tests in school.

Home Learning

As for last term, children of Year 3/4 will continue to have spellings to learn once a week, a maths activity to complete at home and another piece of home learning, which will either be English based or learning linked to our topic. Activities are always linked with the learning or targets set in class. We will monitor whether home learning is being returned to school and will contact you if we notice that your child is not bringing learning back to class. Children should also still be reading regularly to an adult at home, focussing more on comprehension and discussions around the text as they become more confident and competent readers. We are continuing to use 'The Reading Rainbow' to encourage them in this. We have a few children who have become Reading Ambassadors through this scheme, and look forward to seeing more children achieve this award in the coming months.

Snacks/Water

As a Healthy School, we encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack to eat at playtime - ideally a piece of fruit or vegetable, and a bottle of water to keep on their table to drink throughout the day.

PE

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children need to have their (named!) PE kits in school every day, and be prepared for work inside (shorts) and sessions outside (jogging bottoms if you prefer) with trainers or plimsolls. Girls will need a hair band to tie back long hair and arrange to cover earrings, if they cannot be removed (tape or plasters will be required). Our PE days remain the same as last term.

This term's dates for your diary

WW2 Visitor - 24th January

3L4 (Miss Lambert's class) assembly- 2nd February

Parent's Evenings - 6th / 7th February

3C4 (Mr Carkett's class) assembly - 23rd February

WW2 Day - 27th February

3M4 (Mr Wenner's and Mrs Keylock's class) assembly - 2nd March

3C4 / 3GC4 Music performance - 9th March

Y3/4 Trip to Exeter to hear the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra - 16th March

Y3/4 Trip around Plymouth w/b 19th March TBC

3L4 / 3M4 Music performance - 23rd March

Parent helpers

As always we really appreciate and welcome any time that you can spare us, especially to hear children read. If you feel you can help, please see your child's class teacher, who will be very grateful! If you feel you have something to share with our children, linking into the topics in this letter, we would be very interested to speak to you. Again, please contact your child's teacher.

We hope that this letter has been useful to answer any queries you may have, but if you have any questions or concerns before our open evening, please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

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