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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term, we hope you have had a relaxing Easter break. I cannot believe we have reached the final term of Year 3 – it only seems a short time ago that the children were starting at the Junior Site! This term is set to be very busy and we are all looking forward to the many exciting events and activities ahead. This letter provides a summary of the things that will be happening this term.

English:

In English this term the children will be learning about traditional tales, dialogues and plays, stories with humour and spoonerisms. The children will have two stimulus texts that they will base their work around including; 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo; which links to our History topic of Ancient Egypt and 'Stinkbomb and Ketchup Face' by John Dougherty.

Maths:

This term the children will be looking at Mass & Capacity, Money, Length & Perimeter and Statistics. They will also be consolidating their understanding of the topics they have studied this year so that they can apply the skills in a range of mathematical contexts. The children need to continue to learn their times tables (both multiplication and division facts) ready for Year 4.

Science:

We will be learning about animals (including humans) in the first half term. By looking at skeletons and diets, we will learn how exercise and nutrients are important for healthy bodies. We also have a very exciting trip to Colchester Zoo planned, where we will find out about different animals, their adaptations and how to look after them.

Geography:

In the second half of the term, the children will be learning all about Mountains. We will be locating the three peaks within the UK, identifying their features and even making our own mountain ranges inside a shoe box!

History:

In History this term, we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will be writing in hieroglyphics, studying some famous Egyptian pharaohs, building our own clay pyramids and having our very own Egyptian day!



RE:

In RE we will be continuing to study Islam. We will be exploring the daily practice of Muslims by looking at the five pillars of Islam and their holy place of worship, a mosque. We will also explore Sikhism, with an exciting visit to a Sikh Gurdwara planned.

Art & DT:

In Art we will be learning about printing and textiles, looking carefully at the artist Favianna Rodriguez and creating our own animal prints onto a tea towel. We will also be designing our own healthy smoothies in DT.

Games:

This will now take place on Thursday afternoons with Winger Sports and there will be an additional session each week too (Friday afternoons for 3P and Tuesday afternoons for 3M, 3BW and 3W). Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school at all times in case the weather or other activities force us to make timetable changes. The children are required to wear plimsolls for indoor PE activities and trainers for outdoor Games. If your child wears earrings then these must be removed for PE/Games activities and long hair must be tied up. If your child has a minor injury and cannot take part in PE/Games then a letter from you is required and needs to be given to your child's class teacher.

GPS/Class Comprehension:

The children will continue to have Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling lessons every day in which they will be working on a particular focus area. They will also have daily comprehension lessons, where they will be looking at a range of text types and developing their reading comprehension skills.

Reading:

Please ensure that your child continues to read regularly to you and that you write whenever they have read in their reading diary. It is important to note that children who are fluent readers should still be reading aloud at home to ensure that their expression and correct use of punctuation continue to develop in addition to their comprehension skills.

Assessment Week:

The children will be sitting formal assessment tests during the week beginning 18th May 2026. It is definitely an advantage for your child to be in school for the whole of assessment week as tests will be set each day and it is far better for the children to sit the tests altogether.

Important Dates:

Thursday 23rd April – Year 3 Assembly at 9:15am
 Tuesday 28th April – Egyptian Day
 Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday
 Tuesday 5th May – Colchester Zoo Visit
 Friday 15th May – Break the Rules Day
 Monday 18th May – Assessment Week
 Friday 22nd May – Last day of half term
 Monday 1st June – School closed for staff training
 Tuesday 16th June - Guru Nanak Marg Visit
 Friday 19th June – Class and Group Photos
 Saturday 27th June - Summer Bonanza
 Monday 29th June – Sports Day (am)
 Wednesday 1st July – Celebration Evening
 Friday 10th July – Wacky Hair Day
 Friday 17th July – End of term



Time is going to fly with yet another busy and fun-filled term. We all look forward to continuing to work with you in order to help your child achieve their full potential. If you have any queries about this newsletter or any issues concerning your child then please contact the school office to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Watson
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