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Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In the blink of an eye term 1 is over, welcome to Autumn term 2. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term. We would like to remind you that there is a lot of useful information included in the pupils' Home Learning Diaries to support their progress. The expectation is that children complete their reading comments independently (using the sentence stems on their model comments on pages 19). Please ensure you check and sign the Reading and Spelling pages weekly.

The Year 3 teaching team includes the following members of staff:

Garnet Class

- Miss Pulleyn (class teacher);
- Mrs King (HLTA)

Diamond Class

- Miss Beasley (Class teacher);
- Mrs Tripp (TA Monday - Wednesday);
- Mrs Narula (TA Wednesday - Friday).

P.E.

Year 3 pupils will have PE sessions twice per week. Wednesday will be indoor PE and Thursday is outdoor. Pupils will change into their PE kit before the lesson and will come home in their PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions and it is brought back ready for the next lesson.

PE items can be brought into school in a draw-string PE bag and kept in class during term time. In addition, a disposable plastic bag should be supplied for wet items to be placed in.

- Compulsory white sports t-shirt with school logo;
- Black shorts;
- Black tracksuit if appropriate;
- Trainers (black or white).

Please note, jewellery **MUST** be removed or taped for PE and hair tied back so please bring hair ties for longer hair. Please ensure all clothing and items that are brought into school are clearly **named**. This includes: all parts of the school uniform, P.E. kit, shoes, trainers, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags.

Home Learning

- Reading a minimum of 20 minutes each day (recorded in Home Learning Diary, checked on Wednesday). Children must write in their diary 5 times and the first pink page in the diary explains what should be written on each day;
- Accelerated Reader online quiz as each book is finished. Completing at least one quiz every 3 weeks;
- Weekly online maths activities on century (completed by Wednesday);



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- Weekly Log and Learn spellings (to be completed in Home Learning Diaries by Wednesday). The children will stick their spellings on the correct page and write the spellings 3 times on the yellow pages in their diaries;

Trips

- Diamond – Reading University Trip: afternoon of Wednesday 12th November
- Garnet – Reading University Trip: afternoon of Thursday 13th November

Enrichment:

Nearer the end of Autumn 2 and part of Spring 1, year 3 will be starting their Science Lab, Sports, Outdoor and Nutritional learning three-week rotation. The rotation will be similar to year 2, each class will be off timetable every afternoon for three weeks and complete a cycle of enrichment activities.

Garnet rotation cycle:

- w/c: Monday 8th December (Week 6 of Autumn 2)
- w/c: Monday 15th December (Week 7 of Autumn 2)
- w/c: Monday 5th January (Week 1 of Spring 1)

Diamond rotation cycle:

- w/c: Monday 12th January (Week 2 of Spring 1)
- w/c: Monday 19th January (Week 3 of Spring 1)
- w/c: Monday 26th January (Week 4 of Spring 1)

All children in **Garnet** class will receive letters in a couple of weeks to explain which group they are in and the activities and resources they will need for their enrichment week of learning. **Diamond** class will receive their letters nearer the Spring term.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks,

Miss Pulleyn and Miss Beasley
Year 3 Teachers



Year Group 3

Autumn 2

English

This term we will be exploring instructional writing and poetry. This learning will be reinforced through the texts we will be studying in Guided Reading and our topic work. We will use our book *The Giraffe, The Pelly and me* to write instructions.

Maths

We will be using White Rose Maths to facilitate our maths learning. We will be revising key areas including: completing addition and subtraction as well as applying our knowledge in multiplication and division.

Computing

This term we will use Purple Mash to become computer programmers on scratch and we will use Walt Disney, our key person, to inspire us.

PSHE

In PSHE our new module on Connect will be Self-Care. Focusing on children becoming key noticers, discovering new things about themselves and how they can give advice to themselves and others.

The Giraffe, Pelly and me.

Geography

We will also be exploring the 4 regions of the UK. We will be using maps to locate different features of the UK and understand why some physical features in the UK might change.

PE

In Autumn 2, we will be learning to play tag rugby and indoor fitness circuits.

Science

During autumn 2 we will be learning about light and the inventions of Thomas Edison. We will also be exploring how light works through different experiments.

DT

We will be looking at how packaging is made and then we will design our own festive packaging thinking about how to make it most effectively.

Guided Reading

We are studying the book, *The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me* by Roald Dahl.

Music

This term we will be continuing to develop our ability to play the glockenspiel using the notes C,D,E,F,G and playing these with fluency and increased accuracy.

RE

We will be learning about Christianity specifically looking at the Christmas story.

Curriculum Enrichment

- Library Trip dates TBC.
- Enrichment rotation three-week cycle will start in week 6 and 7 of Autumn 2 and week 1 of Spring 1 for Garnet class. Diamond will start in Spring 1. The termly letter has additional information and a separate letter will be sent out nearer the time.

Topic Projects

There is no new home learning project being set for this half term.

Just a reminder that the Stonehenge or Skara Brae model is due on Wednesday 12th November.

Websites Worth Visiting

<https://www.century.tech/>

<https://trockstars.com/>

Accelerated Reader