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Year 3 – Warhol - Autumn Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of another school year. We hope you and your families all had a good summer break. We have been enjoying getting to know your children over the last few days and the Year 3 team are excited about working with you and your children over the next year.

We look forward to teaching a range of topics this term. In addition to the core subjects of English and Maths, our main areas of learning will be Stone to Iron Age (History), developing sketching and painting skills and pottery (Art), cooking (Design Technology), singing and rhythm (Music), Christianity and Hinduism (RE), bringing images to life (Computing), rocks and fossils (Science), mountains and volcanoes (Geography) and greetings and all about me (French).

PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays this term, so please ensure the children have their **named** PE kits in school. It is helpful to leave the PE kit in school all week to make the most of unexpected opportunities. Thursday's lesson is indoor PE focusing on gymnastics and Friday will be outdoor PE where we will be focusing on invasion games including developing ball skills, although children will be running the Daily mile every day so please provide supportive trainers (not canvas shoes or high-tops), and jogging bottoms for cooler weather.

Please support your child by reading with or to them every day and talking about what they have read. Year 3 children will continue to use the Reading Records as in KS1. It is important for you to note every time you have read with your child (whether it's a school reading book, or something from home or the library). Children can earn certificates based on the number of times they have read, although the reading record does have to be signed by an adult for it to count towards the certificates. Children are expected to change their own library books during Guided Reading, and will have several opportunities during the week to do this. If they have finished a book and forget to change it, please remind them!

Children will usually be given a homework activity on Wednesday to help consolidate their learning in school or to find out more about their topic. Homework should take no longer than 20-30 minutes. Please sit and support your child while they are doing their homework and encourage them to complete the task to the best of their ability, producing quality work. Homework should be handed in by the following Tuesday. Please feel free to add any comments about the amount of support you gave your child. The children will be given spellings to learn on Friday, for a test or dictation the following Thursday. They should write a sentence using each spelling, in their spellings book.

Children will also be given Talk Homework every two weeks, usually on a Tuesday. This will be a short discussion with you and is a way to help children generate ideas and vocabulary ready for the Big Write. It only needs to be a five minute talk over dinner or in the car and has proven really beneficial, having a real impact on writing.

Later in the term Year 3 will be holding a "Bronze Age" day in school, when children will have the opportunity to dress up and role-play living in the distant past; we will confirm the date and send out further details nearer the time. Our class assembly will be on Friday 24th November. We hope to see you there.

Finally, if you would like to speak to one of us about your child, please complete a pink slip at the office requesting a meeting, or approach us at the classroom door at the end of the school day. If this is not convenient, we are happy to make an appointment for a more suitable time.

We look forward to working together with you in the coming year.
Kind regards

Mrs Moorby Mrs Shirley Ms Rothery