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Year 3 – Warhol - Autumn Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of the new school year, we hope you have all had a good break. We have been very impressed with how quickly our new Year 3 is settling in; it has been a real pleasure teaching them. In Year 3 we will be looking to build independence, both in the classroom and around the school.

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 Wednesdays 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. PE kits will be sent home every Friday to be washed over the weekend. Please return to school on Monday. Wednesday's lesson is outdoor PE focusing on net and ball skills and Fridays PE will be indoor dance.

We will start Forest School sessions on Thursday afternoons after half-term. The first session will be held on Thursday 5th November. Further information will be sent out later in the term with a reminder of the clothing that your child will need to bring into school.

Please support your child by reading with or to them every day and talking about what they have read (whether it's a school reading book, or something from home or the library). We are working towards a safe way to record reading and will communicate this once a decision has been made. Once this is up and running, children can earn certificates based on the number of times they have read. Children are expected to change their own reading books, 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 home learning activity on Friday to help consolidate their learning in school or to find out more about their topic. This year, we are trialing online home learning. On a Friday you will be sent a link on One Note to your child's home learning page. Home learning 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. Home learning should be submitted by the following Wednesday. The spellings will also be available online so please support your child to learn these at home. The children will be tested on the words the following week.

Finally, if you would like to speak to one of us about your child, please use the note system at the classroom door at the end or beginning of the school day.

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

Kind regards

Miss Newman and Miss Keegan

Key Dates for your diary:

Tempest Photography (Individual Photos) – Wednesday 30th September
INSET Day – School Closed – Monday 5th October
Walk to School Week – 6th to 9th October
Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony – Friday 9th October
Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 15th October / Monday 23rd November
Parents Evening – Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st October – To be confirmed
Virtual Harvest Festival – Friday 23rd October
Half-Term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
Forest School Sessions – Thursday 5th November
Year 3 Virtual Class Assembly – Friday 6th November
Virtual Christmas Carols – Friday 18th December