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Year 3 – Matisse - 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's are 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 Age (History), developing collage and drawing skills (Art), story books (Design Technology), singing and rhythm (Music), Christianity and Hinduism (RE), computing systems and animations (Computing), rocks and fossils (Science), earthquakes (Geography) and greetings, numbers and colours (French).

PE will be on Monday (outside) and Wednesday (Basketball). We will also continue to take part in the Daily Mile. On these days, please ensure your child is wearing the following:

- Blue t-shirt (plain or with a Westfield logo)
- Black shorts
- Black bottoms (plain joggers or leggings)
- Blue jumper (Westfield hoodie, Westfield school jumper or cardigan)
- Trainers

There should not be any other coloured items being worn. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing any branded items with large logo's on them. Thank you.

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). Please ensure you sign and date your child's reading record each time they read so we can celebrate your child's reading. Children are expected to change their own reading books, and will have opportunities during the week to do this. If they have finished a book and forget to change it, please remind them!

Home learning is a great way for children to consolidate their learning in school or to find out more about their topics. Spellings will be set weekly on a Friday and checked through a test (on Friday) each week. Mathematical development is dependent on children having a secure grasp of key number facts. It is vital that all children have a secure knowledge of these and practice should, therefore, be carried out by children regularly at home (several times a week). Each half term a 'Key Instant Recall' list will be sent home of the key facts your child should be focusing on that half term. To support learning across all subjects, each half term there will be a list of optional suggested activities that the children can complete at home. These activities will focus on supporting the learning in school that half term and will focus on hands on activities, family orientated tasks and independent learning opportunities. We will celebrate these optional activities on the final Friday of each half term.

Finally, if you would like to speak to one of us about your child, please write a note and ask your child to hand it to one of us or catch us at the end of the day.

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

Kind regards

Mrs Edwards and Mrs Plenderleith

Key Dates for your diary:

Day of Languages – Tuesday 26th September
Tempest Photography (Individual Photos) – Wednesday 27th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September
INSET Day – Friday 6th October
Parents Evening – Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October
Trip to Celtic Harmony – Thursday 19th October
Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church (TBC) – Friday 20th October
Half-Term – Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
Open Learning Morning – Friday 3rd November
Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 9th November
Class Assembly – Friday 10th November
Cool to be Kind Week – Monday 13th to Friday 17th November
Children in Need – Friday 17th November
INSET Day – Friday 24th November
INSET Day – Monday 27th November
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Assembly – Friday 8th December
Child Shows Parent – Tuesday 12th December
RockSteady Concert – Friday 15th December
Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 19th December
Christmas Carols at St Mary's Church (TBC) – Wednesday 20th December