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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

Dear Parents/Carers,



We look forward to the second term in Year 3! Next term our topic is 'Children around the world!' To introduce this we will be having a dress up day on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013** where children can come dressed as a child from a different country! During the day we will learn about the different countries they come from and the traditions they hold.

### **MAIN LEARNING THEME**

The themes are Design Technology and Geography based and will include many practical activities for the children to participate in. We are going to complete many activities including researching many different countries, trying and creating traditional foods and learning traditional dances!

### **LEARNING SKILLS** – Developing Independence & Responsibility

We will be focussing in on the following 4 skills:

- I can take responsibility for simple jobs in the classroom.
- I can make simple decisions about which activities I need to do and the order I do them in.
- I can undertake a short activity independently when given instructions.
- I can ask and answer simple questions to help me understand.

### **NUMERACY**

We will be working using the National Numeracy framework. All of the units will be building on the skills and learning the children developed in the Key Stage 1. These include methods for Addition and Subtraction, Data handling, Measure and Shape. Next term we will be focussing on D1 Calculating, measuring and understanding shape, E1 Securing number facts, relationships and calculating and A2 Counting, partitioning and calculating

### **LITERACY**

Next half term we will be learning to write stories with familiar settings by listening to and reading stories from different countries and planning and presenting our own. We will also learn to follow instructions and write our own to create items used and made in different countries across the world. We also plan to create travel brochures and write letters to children in another country.

### **PE**

PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (by the child) or covered with a plaster (which must be supplied from home).

## **HOME LEARNING**

Your child will receive a weekly activity in their Learning Logs, this will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned on a Tuesday. Every Tuesday, one Learning Log per class is chosen to be shared in the whole school assembly on Thursday. Your child will also be awarded House Points for the work produced in their Learning Logs. The way in which the work is presented is entirely up to the child. In addition, there will be key skills literacy and/or numeracy homework set.

Home learning is expected to be completed each week at home and handed in on time by Tuesday. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time. Can you please ensure that your child completes their home learning each week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

In addition to this, your child can choose to undertake a half-term home learning project to do with the learning theme 'Children around the World', which could be the focus of their homework for the beginning of the term. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. This can involve the whole family and should be linked to our topic theme; the more creative the better!

## **READING**

Please continue to read with your child at home. Each week, they will be given 1 or 2 reading books which they can share with you at home and will be changed weekly. Year 3 have the opportunity to visit the library and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. Each week, your child will also participate in 'Guided Reading' where they will have the chance to join in with plenty of 'book talk'.

## **END OF THE DAY**

Please feel free to use this time to talk to us about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Miss Healey  
Class Teacher

Mrs Fenwick  
TA

Miss Beach  
TA

Miss Odain  
Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds  
Head Teacher

