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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to Norwood Primary School after the break for Summer. I hope you are all well and I would like to welcome you personally on behalf of myself and the Year 3 team.

### **MAIN LEARNING THEME** – *Transport*

Our theme for the first half term is Transport. To launch our theme we will be spending some time thinking about how transport has changed since the 1970's for the week beginning **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. This will tie in with the schools 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will be trying to create a timeline of how vehicles have changed and we will also try and predict the future of vehicle designs.

During the theme we will be looking at the types of transport used in our local area by children and adults. We will also be focussing a lot on trains, looking at where people come from, how trains have changed over the years and also thinking about how we can improve public transport in our area. We will be spending some time out of the classroom too, doing traffic surveys in the local area and there will also be an opportunity for children to bring in a form of transport to use on the playground, such as a bike, scooter, skateboard or even roller skates! This will be towards the end of the term and a letter will be sent out to confirm this closer to the time.

**Linked Vocabulary** – *Steam, railway, navigation, platform, underground, track.*

### **ENGLISH**

Language and Literacy is due to restart on the second week back. As a year group we will be looking at *Science Fiction/Fantasy stories* thinking about friendships and contrasting moods. They will then think about how the description of a setting can reflect feelings of a character. This will link into the writing of a new episode of the story from the perspective of a character. The second part of this unit will focus on *Discussion Texts* where we will be writing a balance argument using fact and opinions.

**Wider Reading** – Space Race – *Malorie Blackman*  
Wendel's Workshop – *Chris Riddell*  
How dogs really work – *Alan Snow*

Children who are part of Read Write Inc. will continue in their groups from last term; however the adult that they were working with may change. Children are assessed regularly and change groups and adults as part of progressing through the programme. We will inform you when your child moves groups, or moves into our Language and Literacy programme.

**Linked Vocabulary** – *inventor, laboratory, equipment, experiment, robot, fact, opinion, statement, balanced, conclusion.*

### **MATHS**

In maths we will be starting by looking at *place value* and *numbers*. To help with this you can practice counting up and down starting with 2 and 3 digit numbers. We will then be looking at applying this knowledge in Addition and Subtraction. There are some useful websites that children can access to help support this on the school website in the *Children's Zone*.

**Linked Vocabulary** – *place value, operations, addition, subtraction, equals, odd, even, inverse, consecutive.*

### **PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT**

To help the children with this theme it might be a good idea to talk about the different types of transport you have experienced both good and bad! Think about how transport has changed since you were a child. As we are focussing on rail transport you might also want to think about your experiences of using trains and the different things you had to do. Talk about both good and bad experiences! At some point during the term we will be looking to go and use the Nene Valley Railway for the day to look at steam trains and looking at the history of railways in a practical hands on way. For this I may require some parent helpers so watch this space! We will be doing a work showcase for all the things we have achieved during this theme on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 2:50pm**. You are all welcome to join us in celebrating the hard work the children have put in to this exciting theme in the Year 3 classroom!



## **HOME LEARNING**

There will be a Home Learning Project for the children this half term. It is titled ***Find out all about rail transport!***

As Peterborough has strong links to the railway industry this is an ideal opportunity to explore the heritage and for the children to find out as much as they can about rail transport. They might want to create a poster, a computer presentation or be even more creative by writing a poem or rap about the railways! It would be amazing to share some of these projects during the showcase so we would appreciate it if they could be returned by **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. This project is not compulsory.

As well as this, on a weekly basis children will be taking home a piece of English and Maths Home Learning each week. This will be sent home on a Wednesday and will be expected to be returned the following Wednesday.

## **TRIPS**

As part of our theme we are hoping to take the class on a trip to the Nene Valley Railway for the day. This is expected to happen towards the end of this half term. A letter will be sent home to confirm the details of this in due course.

## **PE**

Indoor PE will be taught on a Tuesday afternoon and we will be doing Outdoor PE on a Thursday afternoon. We require every child to have a full kit brought in on a Monday every week, with it being taken home on a Friday. **NO jewellery is allowed** during PE sessions, with any earrings that are unable to be removed to be covered by a **plaster provided from home**.

The PE kit required is as follows:

- Plain White t-shirt
- Black or Grey Shorts
- Plimsolls or Trainers
- Tracksuit bottoms for Outdoor PE

**As your child is now in Key Stage 2 they are no longer provided with fruit at break time. Children can bring a snack from home and it must be a healthy snack, such as fruit. Remember that Norwood is a nut free school.**

Hot school meals are still available each day but they must be paid for in advance using the school's ParentPay system.

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