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Termly Learning Letter - Team 3/4

Dear Parent/carers,

Welcome back to the first term of the new school year! We hope that you all had a lovely summer, and are ready for the exciting term of learning we have ahead! The organisation of our four classes this year will be:

Class 3DP, Teacher: Miss Pickens

Class 3JH, Teacher: Mrs Hensman

Class 4VH, Teacher: Mrs Hind

Class 4SC, Teacher: Mr Carkett

We will also be supported by our teaching assistants: Mrs Harding, Mrs Hart, Miss Jones, Miss Stokes and Miss Crean who will be working across all of our classes.

The aim of this letter is to give you some more useful information about our organisation and learning for this term, so with no further preamble.....

This term we will be learning about:

English - covering the National Curriculum through a range of text types	Poetry: Shape poems; information texts linked to our learning in Science and historical stories linked to our learning in our topic lessons.
Maths	Number, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, shape, measure, data, fractions
History	The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings
Science	Forces, magnets and sound
Computing	Understanding algorithms, using technology to explore sound (linked to our science topic) and presenting our learning in topic lessons.
Music	Y3- Learning to play the recorder Y4- 'First Access' stringed instrument tuition lessons with a specialist teacher
Art and Design	Lettering - is it art or graffiti?
Religious Education	Hinduism beliefs about god and Christian beliefs about the Trinity
Physical Education	Multi-skills; Gymnastics; Dance linked to our topic learning.
Modern Foreign Languages	French songs and vocabulary : Greetings, introductions, numbers, describing ourselves / our birthdays. Culture linked to Christmas
PSHE	Health and wellbeing; relationships; reflections on weekly assembly themes

Organisation for learning

Each child in Year 3/4 has been assessed in English and maths, and these assessments have enabled them to be grouped into sets to support their progress and ensure learning is aimed at appropriate levels. For both English and maths, the sets are within their own year group. This will ensure that each child is taught to their needs of learning. The sets are constantly assessed to enable teachers to regroup as the needs arise. Spelling words are linked to class learning and your child will have new spellings every Friday to bring home, in order to learn for a test the following Friday. They are also expected to learn multiplication tables at home, for regular class tests in school.

Home Learning

In line with the school Home Learning policy, the children of Year 3/4 will have spellings to learn once a week, a Maths activity to complete at home and another piece of home learning, which will either be English based or learning linked to our topic or science lessons. Activities are always linked with the learning or targets set in class. Work is set on a **Friday** and is due in on the following **Thursday**. All home learning activities will be assigned and handed in through the Google Classroom. In addition to this, your child should still be reading regularly at home and they will participate in an initiative called 'The Reading Rainbow' to encourage them in this. The children each have a coloured bookmark, and need to collect 10 adult signatures and dates when they have read to an adult (it would be really helpful if a short comment could be written in the home/school book, that your child should bring home every day, too). On completing their 'red' bookmark, they move to an 'orange', then 'yellow', right through to the end of the rainbow, when they become a Reading Ambassador within the school. We have been delighted with the success of this initiative, so far, and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Snacks/Water

As a Healthy School, we encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack to eat at playtime - ideally a piece of fruit or vegetable, and a bottle of water to keep on their table to drink throughout the day.

PE

This year, we have decided to continue having the children coming into school in their PE kits on days they have PE. There will be no need for them to change after PE. Please ensure all items of their PE kit, as with their school uniform, are clearly labelled with their names. Long hair must be tied back for PE and earrings must be taped over or removed (tape must be provided from home.) We have two sessions of P.E. a week, weather permitting, on days as follows:

3DP: Tuesday and Thursday

3JH: Wednesday and Thursday

4SC: Monday and Wednesday

4VH: Monday and Tuesday

Belongings

As usual we would ask that children try not to bring large backpacks to school, as they make it difficult for other children to reach their coat pegs! Also, just a little reminder that all of your child's things should be labelled with their name. We do try to encourage children to take more responsibility for themselves and their belongings, and this will help them enormously. Thank you.

This term's dates for your diary

Meet the Team chat - Monday 13th September

Harvest Festival at Emmanuel Church- Thursday 21st October

Non-pupil Day - Friday 22nd October

Viking Day - Tuesday 16th November

Individual school photos - Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th November

Christmas Services at Emmanuel Church - Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December

Parent helpers

We are once again able to welcome parent helpers into school. Any potential helpers will need to be able to commit to a regular day and time each week, have an enhanced DBS check and attend a safeguarding briefing before coming in. If you feel you can help, please email year3-4@compton.plymouth.sch.uk .

We hope that this letter has been useful to answer any queries you may have, but if you have any questions or concerns before our open evening, please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

Vicky Hind, Stef Carkett, Jo Hensman and Danielle Pickens

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