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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term our main topic is Light and Shadows so we are hoping for some warm, sunny days. The topic overview is included with this letter - outlining what your child will be learning, to enable you to support them at home.

Our second topic this term will be The Romans. If the restrictions on lockdown continue to be lifted in accordance with government expectations, we have planned activities and visits where experts will work with the children, including a visit to a Roman Villa for the day. The Romans topic overview will be sent home after half term, along with further details of the trip, including dates and costs if the trip is viable.

Literacy homework and a numeracy challenge will be sent home weekly and a sheet containing 6 weeks of spellings to learn will be sent home shortly. Children who do not complete their homework at home are expected to complete it during their own time in school. Daily reading at home is still expected. Please remind children to collect their stickers when you have written in the Reading Record, this applies to any books they read out of school, not just the books we send home. We are happy for children to fill in the book as long as a parent signs it to confirm they have read.

Year 3 pupils should be able to recall their 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of year 3. We focus particularly on 3s, 4s and 8s, please practise these with your child.

This term the children will have swimming lessons at Waterside Pool in Ryde on Tuesday morning, finishing on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. They will be accompanied by Mrs Johnson, Mr Butt, Mrs Cade, Mrs Hiscock and Mrs Jacobs. Please ensure they bring an appropriate swimming costume, (P.E. shorts are not acceptable), and a large towel in a waterproof bag. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed.

Please check that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. Now the children will be playing on the field at lunchtimes, jumpers and cardigans that have been taken off are sometimes forgotten when the children come in. If they are named, they can quickly and easily be returned to their owner.

Working together for a successful future

Our SEAL themes this term are 'Relationships' and 'Changes' and within these topics Year 3 children will be taught a series of lessons from the agreed Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) programme. The children will be taught as a class group by their usual class teachers using educational materials which are age appropriate for Year 3 children. The materials include a DVD showing the similarities and differences between boys and girls and will focus on how we tell the difference.

During the sessions the children will learn some differences between male and female animals, describe some differences between boys and girls and understand that making a new life needs a male and a female. They will learn the correct anatomical names for body parts. Children will identify different types of touch that people like and do not like, begin to understand personal space and talk about ways of dealing with unwanted touch. They will learn that all families are different and have different family members and will identify who to go to for help and support. The information will be factual and the teachers will be sensitive in their teaching.

If you would like to know more about these lessons please make an appointment to speak to one of us and we can run through this very basic programme with you.

As always, you are very welcome to talk to us if you have any queries or concerns about your child in school. In this event, please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time.

Thank you,

Mr P Tilling    Miss B Mawudoku  
and the rest of the Year 3 Team.