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Welcome back! Already the summer term is gathering pace and we have lots of exciting activities and learning planned over the course of the term.

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Spring visit to the Woods

Wednesday 4th May

We plan to revisit the woods on Wednesday 4th May. We will need a good number of parent helpers for the Spring trip to go ahead, so please put this in your diary.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS this half term:

Literacy: we will be writing stories based around Hansel and Gretel and then working on poetry and report writing.

Art: we will be trying to draw in 3 dimensions!

Geography: we will be learning how to make sketch maps, look at land use around Mount Charles and learn basic UK physical and human map facts.

Science: Rocks. Later this half term we will start to learn about different types of rock, how they are formed, rock life cycles, volcanoes, and properties of rocks. We will visit Charlestown beach to look at rocks.

RE: we will be visiting Charlestown church to finish our topic on special places. Then we will be finding out about the Hindu religion.

Individual Learning Targets

We have set new individual learning targets for reading, writing and numeracy. A copy of these targets will be sent home to you, together with a review of last term's targets. Ask your child about their targets and how they are going to try and achieve them!

Reading

Please ensure that your child continues to read and discuss books with you at home every day. Currently our reading targets are about children writing down answers to questions from a text.

In Year 3 a lot of our questioning is based around getting children to find information in a text. To help your child here are some question starters that you could use as your child is reading, or read for a few minutes and then stop to ask a few questions:

What does.....mean?

What happened at/when....?

What did thedo?

Which word told you that....?

Where didgo?

Why do....?

Other Homework

Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly. We will also continue with regular mental maths and times tables tests weekly, so please keep practising these at home. Little and often is best. The children need to be able to quickly recall their **2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 × and ÷ tables** by the end of year three.

We will also set project type homework tasks linked to our science and geography topics over the course of the term.

Summer PE days...

...are normally Friday and one other afternoon in the week when the weather is good. So please ensure children have a named PE kit in school every day so that we can take advantage of good weather whenever possible (particularly if the weather has been bad so we don't lose a session).

Thank you for your continued support.