



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4 of this academic year. Below is an overview of what will be covered in Year 3 this term.

### **Language, Oracy and Literacy**

The children will be adapting stories with dialogue and changing them into play scripts, which will include preparing stage directions and describing settings. They will then continue to perform their own pieces. Following on from our topic last term, the children will study a range of Aboriginal stories, researching background information and will be incorporating these into descriptive writing. Drama activities will take place during this unit to help the children elicit ideas for their story writing.

### **Mathematics**

We will be solving problems with one or two steps; using formal methods of multiplication and division. We will also be learning about the properties of different 2D and 3D shapes, and continuing our work on fractions.

### **Science and Technology**

The children will be learning about different rocks and soils and what they can be used for. They will be carrying out internet research and will look at their properties in class. They will be planning, carrying out and evaluating experiments. The children will be learning techniques for carrying out research and as well as understanding e-awareness and how they can use the internet safely.

### **Time and Place**

This term we will be continuing with our study of New Zealand and Maori Culture. We will also be learning about Windsor Castle in preparation for our trip.

### **Physical and Emotional Health (PE)**

The children will be focussing on their gymnastics skills this term and will also continue to work on developing their dance skills. The children will also be focusing on dance skills based on the Maori and Aboriginal Cultures. They will also have the opportunity to extend their gymnastics skills.

### **Arts and Creativity**

During art the children will be learning some different watercolour techniques in preparation for our sketching trip to Cliveden House in Term 6.

### **Citizenship and Ethics**

We will take a look at some of the concerns associated with deforestation and sustainability. We will also investigate what we can do at home and school to be more sustainable by looking at how, what and why we should recycle.

**Faith and Belief**

We will be focussing on the Christian festival of Easter. We will be taking the idea of Jesus dying for our sins to think about ways in which we can redeem situations and 'save the day'.

You may find some of these websites useful to help the children at home:

<http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>

<http://www.chiddingstone.kent.sch.uk/homework/religion/christian.htm>

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cliveden/>

Yours faithfully

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