



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Lowbrook Academy after what I hope has been a restful break. I hope your children are refreshed and ready to start an exciting year in Year 3.

Language, Oracy and Literacy

The children will be extending their previous learning on writing recounts and will move on to learn about the features of newspaper reports. They will then be writing their own newspaper articles based on activities occurring at school. The children will also be looking at stories with a historical setting, including looking at one story that ties in with our Victorians research project in Place and Time.

Mathematics

The children will begin to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 as well as learning to use positive and negative numbers on a number line. We will be using our knowledge of number operations to estimate and check calculations. We will also look at 2-D shapes and 3-D solids and towards the end of term will learn about the relationships between units of metric measurement.

Science and Technology

Our topic this term is 'Our Bodies and Healthy Eating'. The children will be learning about the different food groups and healthy diets. They will also be learning about the skeleton and how muscles help our body to move.

Place and Time

We will be studying the Victorians this term, researching how life as a Victorian child, in work and school, differed to modern day childhood. We will be learning about the chronology of the period and relating this to a timeline and comparing the life of the rich and poor. We are excited to be studying Chinese culture and language this year, and will be focusing on geographical features during the first term, before moving onto language in term two.

Physical and Emotional Health (PE)

The children will be learning about invasion games, focusing on both ball control, sending and receiving techniques and attacking and defending strategies in team games. In the dance unit the children will be choreographing dance sequences with others in a group, working on changing direction, speed and levels.

Arts and Creativity

The children will be sampling art and craft from the Victorian era including toy making and still life sketching.

Citizenship and Ethics

Throughout the unit the children will be examining what it means to be a 'citizen' both inside school and within wider environments. We will be reviewing what their rights are within the school community and comparing these to school environments in other developing countries.

Faith and Belief

The children are going to be learning about the Hindu religion, with particular attention to the upcoming festival of Divali. They are also going to explore the strong sense of belonging during Divali to both their families and the Hindu community.

Homework

The children will receive Maths homework on a Tuesday, which is due in to be marked the following Tuesday. They will also receive a Reading Comprehension and new spellings on a Friday. The Reading Comprehension homework will be due in the following Friday, when the children will also be tested on their spellings.

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

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

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy/index.htm>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/

Yours faithfully

Mrs Garland and Mr Smith