



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4 of this academic year. Below is an overview of the areas we will be covering 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. They will be planning and carrying out investigations as well as collating results in different ways and evaluating the conclusions which can be drawn from these results. The children will be learning techniques for carrying out internet research.

### **Time and Place**

This term we will be continuing studying Cliveden and some of the people who have lived there. This will be 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**

In our art lessons the children will be learning some different watercolour techniques again in preparation for our trip when we will sketch Cliveden House.

### **Citizenship and Ethics**

We will be exploring the environmental 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

*Mrs Garland and Mr Smith*