



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 continue to develop their writing skills through the continuation of The Big Write, focused grammar and reading comprehension lessons. At the beginning of term they will focus on writing recounts and learn about the features of newspaper reports before writing their own newspaper articles. The children will also be studying poetry and stories with a historical setting.

Mathematics

The children will study place value, recognising the value of different digits, ordering numbers and finding 100 more and less. They will begin to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 as well as learn to use positive and negative numbers on a number line. We will be using our knowledge of number operations to solve problems 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 'Animals, including humans'. 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 Windsor this term, researching historical and geographical aspects of the town. We will be learning about how the town has developed over time as well as studying the castle and its importance to the town. The children will also continue to learn Mandarin and the Chinese number system together with Chinese customs.

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 gymnastics, children will be looking at the fundamental elements of balance, flexibility and strength and how these components can be transferred to other sports.

Arts and Creativity

The children will be learning about Monet, looking at his various paintings. They will also be learning about and recreating the brush techniques used.

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 Monday. Children will be tested on their spellings every Friday.

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 Mrs Edwards