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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting Autumn term and are writing to give you an overview of the topics, areas of learning and general procedures for this term. You will be able to find out more about the Year 3 curriculum at our curriculum meeting on **Wednesday, 19th September 2018** from **9-9.15am**. You are warmly invited to stay for tea and coffee following the meeting from **9.15-9.30am**. This will give you the chance to find out a little more about what we will be learning this year.

Literacy:

Writing - we will be working on our writing skills in Year 3 through a variety of text types including, 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne, 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll and traditional tales, such as 'Princess and the Pea'. We will also be looking at different genres such as poetry, instructional texts and non-chronological reports, which will link with our topic work based around Ancient Egypt. Within literacy, the children will also have opportunities to practise their joined up handwriting, spelling and grammar.

To support children in their writing, Brookfield staff have identified key areas of writing that our children would particularly benefit from focusing on. Creativity and expression are real strengths of Brookfield writers and this will continue to be celebrated and promoted in class. These more technical elements of writing are going to be a big focus at Brookfield this year, with the expectation that children confidently and consistently demonstrate their year's elements by the end of the Summer term. Part of these Non-Negotiables include the spellings identified by the National Curriculum and high-frequency words that children continue to misspell. Please keep both lists in a place where your child can easily refer to when writing.

Spelling- The termly spelling list outlines which words will be practised and tested each week. Please help your child practise and learn the relevant spellings.

Reading - Children will participate in daily guided reading sessions, where they will read and discuss a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. In addition to this, it is expected that they will read at home for at least 10 minutes, five times a week. We would like the reading diary to be signed every time your child reads. As part of their homework we would like to see your child writing one detailed comment in their orange reading diary each week. Prompts for writing the comments can be found at the back of these books. Children are expected to bring their reading diary in on a Tuesday. We will show them exactly what is expected in class. Comments will be checked by the teachers and teaching assistants and initialed. Please support your child by discussing their books and asking them questions. Children will also have the great opportunity to visit the Owl Bookshop in Kentish Town to select one book each to put in the class book corners.

Maths: This term we will concentrate on number, place value and calculations (+, -, x and ÷). We will also look at fractions, money, length, time and shape. The children will use both mental and written methods to solve problems and will be provided with opportunities to apply their learning in real life contexts. By the end of Year 3, they are expected to know their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables and their related division facts. Year 3 will be hosting a PAC Maths morning, where you will be invited to join your children in playing Maths games. This will be on Thursday, 22nd November.

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Science: Our first science topic this term will be 'Plants,' which will look at the functions of different parts of flowering plants and their requirements for life and growth. We will support this topic by visiting Waterlow Park later in the term. Our second science topic will be 'Light,' where we will be investigating shadows. In Autumn B, we will then move onto the topic 'Forces and Magnets'. We look forward to getting the children involved in some fun, hands-on experiments!

ICT: Our first unit is called 'We are Comic Writers' where the children will be creating comic strips using Publisher. We will also be doing a unit called 'We are Opinion Pollsters,' which includes collecting and presenting data on the computer. We will be using ICT to support the children's learning in other areas of the curriculum.

History: Our major topic this term will be "Ancient Egypt" and we will be using a range of artefacts and photos to help the children to find out about different aspects of life in Ancient Egypt. We will also have a workshop in school with the Petrie Museum, who will be showing children Ancient Egyptian artefacts. In the second part of the term, our Geography topic will be 'Natural Disasters,' where we will study volcanoes, earthquakes climate zones and extreme weather.

Art & DT: This term, we will be practising many drawing and painting techniques with a focus on the artist 'Van Gogh'. We will be exploring different pencil strokes and techniques, expanding our knowledge of mark-making and sketching in the style of Van Gogh.

Religious Education: This year at Brookfield, we will be doing RE a little differently by dedicating a full day once a term to our chosen topic, rather than on a weekly basis. This is something working well in schools across Camden. Our RE day this will be exploring the concept of symbols in Christianity.

PSHE: In PSHE, the children will be developing their self-awareness and learning to value and respect differences. As a Rights Respecting School, we will also be agreeing a class charter and continuing to learn more about our rights as part of our everyday teaching.

Music: In music, the children will be doing a unit called 'Animal Magic'. This involves using music to describe different animals and create descriptive sounds. They will be creating their own musical performance based on an animal poem. The second half of term will focus on exploring rhythmic patterns e.g playing different rhythms, composing and reading notation.

P.E: Fit for Sport will be covering bench ball and cross country in the first half of the Autumn term. After half term, the children will be learning football and tag-rugby. **Reminder: 3L PE on Monday morning and Friday afternoon and 3M PE on Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon.**

Homework: Homework will be given out on Thursdays and will be expected to be handed back in on Tuesdays. The children each have their own individual homework folder to keep their work in. In order to support your child with their homework, an after school homework club runs on Thursdays and is led by designated adults in the school.

FAB: In addition to the FAB collage workshops taking place later this year, in the second half term, Year 3 will be continuing their workshops with the Shakespeare Schools Foundation from last year. They will be exploring a different Shakespearean play through drama and literacy, leading to a showcase to parents at the end of the second half term.

Key Dates

Wednesday, 19th September - Year 3 Curriculum Meeting (9.00am)
Week Beginning 1st October-Black History Month
Wednesday, 3rd October - 3L to Owl Bookshop
Thursday 4th October - 3M to Owl Bookshop
Friday, 5th October - Inset Day 3 (School Closed)
Thursday, 11th October- Open Afternoon
Monday, 15th October - Friday, 19th October - Black History Week
Friday, 19th October - RE Day
Monday, 22nd October - Friday, 26th October - Half Term
Monday, 12th November - Friday, 16th November - Assessment and Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday, 22nd November - Year 3 PAC Maths
Friday, 21st December - End of Term

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We welcome support from parents and carers to enhance your children's learning. If you have any specialist skills, knowledge or talents you can offer, please come and talk to one of us. Do not hesitate to contact us in the playground at the end of the day, by e-mail or through the school office if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

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