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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and are well rested for the exciting year ahead. In the last week, we have enjoyed spending time getting to know all of the children, setting expectations, introducing our topic, 'Explore London' and strengthening our team building skills.

Communication

We highly value communication between our school and home and as such, we have an open-door policy. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries or concerns. We are available after school on the front playground or you can make an appointment via Reception. Furthermore, please do check our school website, www.westfields-jun.hants.sch.uk, for the most recent school information, tweets, dates of events and electronic copies of newsletters.

Home Learning

Home learning is an essential part of children's learning. We set weekly tasks each **Thursday** and ask that it is completed and handed in the following **Tuesday**. You can always check the home learning that has been set by taking a look at the year group page, which can be found on the 'Pupils' tab on our website. Tasks are designed to take approximately 20 minutes and this term they will alternate between a grammar and a maths-based activity via MyMaths which is an online website but paper copies can be given if internet access is an issue – please just let us know. We will be attaching a letter to your child's reading record that will include the individual login details for your child to access the tasks that have been set.

Mental Maths (Fluency)

In school your child will take part in our 'Magician's Guild' which are weekly challenges on number bonds and times tables. As always, your support with learning number bonds and times tables to aid mental maths fluency is welcomed to help develop your child's confidence, accuracy and speed, as these skills form vital building blocks to all areas of Maths.

Reading

Reading is a vital life skill and every child will continue to have a reading record to track their reading progress. We ask that the children read to an adult at home every day (or as much as possible!) and have their reading records in school every day.

Spelling

All children will be given weekly spellings on a Tuesday which are from the National Curriculum expectations for our year group. They will be taught the spelling rule in class so that they understand how it works and can apply it to a variety of words. On the following Monday, children will be tested to check their understanding.

Finally, we are always keen to welcome parents or grandparents to help in school. If you are able to support in anyway then please do get in touch and let us know. We are all looking forward to the exciting and engaging year ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Courtney
Year 3 Team Leader
& Class Teacher

Miss Porter
Class Teacher

Miss Pollard
Class Teacher

