



BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to say hello to you all, and to welcome the children to their new Year 3 class. I hope you have all had a fantastic summer. I have met a few parents already, and I look forward to meeting all of you. I feel very enthused for the year ahead, I hope that the children are also. We have lots of exciting learning to do, and I hope that the children will enjoy the lessons I have planned. Mrs Taylor will be our class teaching assistant, and the children will also be taught by Mrs Garner and Mr Brown on a Thursday afternoon, this will include Spanish and PE.

Our main topic for the term is Love, light and celebrations - we will be doing lots of fun activities within this topic including focusing on Hinduism, particularly Diwali, the festival of light. In the Spring term our topic will be Cornwall. We will of course concentrate on Saltash, however I feel it would be fun to look at the heritage of Cornwall as a whole. Our final topic will be Pre-history, from dinosaurs into the Stone Age.

Homework will be set and talked through on a Friday; this will be set in a homework book and will need to be completed and handed in by the following Thursday. Homework will be varied throughout the subjects and this should take no longer than 30 minutes a week. In addition to this, children should spend 15 minutes daily: reading, learning weekly spellings and number bonds/ times tables. They will be tested on spellings and times tables on alternate weeks. I will send a separate letter outlining this so that it is clearer.

Children will be bringing home a banded reading book - this banding is different from KS1 as we use Accelerated Reader in KS2 (again a separate letter will be sent explaining). It is important that children spend time reading these at home daily, both independently and with an adult. The children do take quizzes about the books that they read, these are done on an Ipad within school and it helps build their comprehension skills. Children may also choose a book from the library each week. They will not always read 1:1 with an adult in school but will take part in regular intensive reading and guided reading activities.

Throughout the year, children in Year 3 will have the chance to learn a brass instrument. Children will be required to take their instrument home each week and regular practice would be hugely beneficial. Children can leave their instrument in the music room on a Tuesday morning, which is the day they will have their lessons, before walking to the classroom for registration. More details to follow soon.

P.E sessions will be taught twice a week, so having their kits in school and available all week is preferred. Please make sure that all items of clothing, including school uniform and shoes, are clearly named.

In Year 3 we give the children a higher level of responsibility – they are expected to walk around to the classroom independently at the beginning of the day. At 3.15pm they will walk around to the front of the building to meet you at a place of your choosing. Your child knows that if you are not there they should go to the office. I will, however, be walking the children around at the end of the day for this week.

Again I look forward to meeting you all, please do feel free to pop in between 3:15pm and 3:45pm from Thursday this week to meet me.

Your Sincerely

Mrs Dinham