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Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 3! We are very proud of how well the children have settled into the routines of Key Stage Two. We are already working hard and it feels like we have never been away!

As you are probably aware, there are a few changes in school when your child reaches Year 3 as it is the first year of Key Stage Two. Our day is slightly longer, which probably means your child is coming home a little more tired! We also do not receive free fruit, so please send your child to school with a mid morning snack. Lunch times are different too; it starts at 12.20pm and finishes at 1.20pm. In Key Stage Two, children are no longer eligible to free school meals, unless you have applied for them. If you are having difficulty accessing Agora, please speak to your class teacher or Mrs Thacker in the finance office. Finally, in the summer term, we usually go swimming once a week, but this may be put on hold due to Covid 19.

This term our topic is called "East to West" We will begin our topic by looking at the landscape of China and finding out whether it has hills, mountains, volcanoes along with other key features such as rivers and cities. We will then travel back in time to Ancient China. We will discover what life was like during the Shang Dynasty. As part of our learning, the children will be discovering lots of important facts and information which you will find on the Knowledge Organisers attached to this letter.

The children should be extremely familiar with the Knowledge Organisers as we use them regularly in class. It would be wonderful if you could also continue this learning at home by asking questions about their topic, based on the facts found on the Knowledge Organisers. The children love to play games with them, such as "How many facts can you recall in a minute" or "Fastest Finger – Who can find a particular fact the quickest?"

We have a busy term ahead. PE this term will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has warm clothing when the weather changes as Thursday's PE is outside.

Other key dates to remember are:

Friday 9th October: Staff training day (school closed to children).

Monday 19th October: Flu Vaccinations

Monday 9th November: School photographer in.

Enjoy

Aspire

Achieve

It is fantastic to see so many parents using Marvellous Me. We love to send home snippets of what we are up to during the day. If you are having any difficulty using Marvellous Me, please speak to your child's class teacher as lots of information gets sent home on it.

Finally, please do continue to hear your child read at least 3 times a week (in line with the Home Learning Policy) and sign the Home School Book. Also please encourage your child to practise their times tables and go on Times Tables Rock Stars. By the end of Year 3, your child should know their 2x,3x,4x,5x 8, and 10x confidently. Daily practise really does make a huge difference!

As ever, should you have any concerns or questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cook and Miss Briant