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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our children and parents in Year 3! We hope you have had a lovely break and are well rested for the return to school this term. We have lots of fun and interesting learning planned for this half term.

Learning

This half term our topic is called '**Ancient China!**' We will be learning all about the Shang Dynasty and their everyday life. We will be exploring how they lived, their homes and jobs they did. In Design Technology we will be using skills such as measuring, weighing mixing and grating to create a traditional Chinese breakfast. In Science we will be exploring forces and their effect on objects. In computing we will be focussing on the importance of online safety. Through RE sessions we will be learning about the Hindu festival for Diwali and how it is celebrated. In PHSE our topic is 'Being in my World' which will focus on the school rules and our community. In French, we will be learning basic French vocabulary and how to greet each other. Maths this half term will focus on place value. In English we will be reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman.

PE

Outdoor PE this term will be on a Monday. Please ensure your child has warm clothing when the weather changes. Indoor P.E will focus on Gymnastics calls and using symmetry and Asymmetry. Year 3 children will come to school wearing PE kit on these days. A reminder that school P.E. kit should consist of a white t-shirt, blue or black jogging bottoms and blue or black shorts. Please ensure your child is wearing trainers or plimsolls on these two days.

Home Learning:

Finally, can we remind you to continue to hear your child read at least 3 times a week, which you can now log on Marvellous Me every time your child reads (in line with the Home Learning Policy). Also, please encourage your child to practise their times tables and Times Tables Rock Stars. We will be focussing on x3, x4 and x6 this half term so please take time to practice them. Please ensure your children practice the spellings that will be sent home weekly. The children should also access their spellings through SpellZone.

Key dates for this term:

Monday 19th September- Swimming starts at TwoRivers Meet.

Friday 7th October- School closure for staff training.

Wednesday 12th October- School photographer.

Wednesday 19th October- WOW day, dress up as an Egyptian.

Monday 24th Friday 28th- October Half Term.

The children have adapted to being back to school fantastically and we are very proud of them!

As ever, should you have any concerns or questions please speak me or you can email me:

3SB@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Briant



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