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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your child back to school and to Class 3. I am looking forward to getting to know you all better and sharing an exciting year of learning together.

Class Topics

We have an exciting year ahead, with a curriculum full of inspiring opportunities to learn, explore and achieve across all subjects. In Geography, we will be exploring what makes the United Kingdom such a fascinating place, as well as learning about a variety of countries across Europe. In Religious Education, we will begin to explore different religions and beliefs, helping us to develop a greater understanding of faiths from around the world. In Technology, we will be developing our graphical drawing skills and even taking part in some baking activities. Through these engaging subjects, children will have many opportunities to investigate, question and deepen their understanding of the world around them.

Teaching Team

In class, we are joined by Mrs Dean and Miss Gothard, who will be supporting children's learning throughout the week.

Children will also be taught by our specialist teachers:

- Miss Haran – Computing
- Miss Moran – Spanish
- Mr Hudson – PE (Sports)
- Mrs James – Music
- Mr Ellsemore – Science
- Mr Cameron – Design Technology (DT)

PE

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing or bringing the correct PE kit on these days. Long hair should be tied back, and jewellery, including earrings, must be removed or covered in line with school policy.

Reading

Children should bring their reading packets to school every day. Reading is one of the most powerful ways to support your child's learning and progress. Regular reading helps children to:

- Develop fluency and confidence
- Improve vocabulary and comprehension skills
- Support spelling and writing development
- Build knowledge across the curriculum
- Enhance wellbeing, imagination and empathy

Everybody, Everyday



Ideally, we would like children to read at home every day, but we recognise this is not always possible. Reading at least four times per week can make a significant difference to children's progress. Please continue to record any reading completed at home in your child's reading record. This can include books, magazines, newspapers, comics, online articles and other reading materials. Our library days is Thursday, when children will have the opportunity to explore new books and change their library and reading books.

Spellings

We teach spelling regularly throughout the week to ensure children understand and can apply spelling rules confidently. Spelling tests will take place every Friday, and spelling lists can be found in your child's spelling book. We encourage children to practise their spellings throughout the week using a variety of methods, including magnetic letters or scrabble tiles, hangman, word searches and anagrams or writing words in sentences or on whiteboards. Developing strong spelling skills supports reading, writing and vocabulary development, while also helping to build confidence and concentration.

Homework

Homework is set each Friday. We also encourage families to support their child with regular reading, spelling practice and times table practice throughout the week. These essential skills form the foundation for success across all areas of the curriculum. Login details for Times Table Rock Stars can be found inside your child's spelling book.

Other Equipment Needed

It is helpful for children to have:

- A named water bottle
- A PE kit
- An apron or large old T-shirt for art activities

Children are also encouraged to bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack for morning break.

We ask that toys and other items from home are not brought into school unless specifically requested for a learning activity. If a child requires a tool to support their learning, these will be provided by school where appropriate. This helps us ensure that resources are suitable, used consistently and support children's learning effectively.

All stationery needed for lessons is provided by school. However, children are welcome to bring their own pencil case if they wish. These will be kept in trays or bags and may be used during indoor break times or treat times. Children should understand that personal equipment is brought into school at their own risk, and we encourage them not to bring valuable items. This helps us maintain a focused learning environment while still allowing children some choice and responsibility for their belongings.

Forest School

We are currently organising opportunities for children to take part in Forest School activities. Further information will be shared via Class Dojo once arrangements have been finalised. Please note that Forest School will not take place this half term.

Upcoming Dates

Parents' Evenings will take place on 13th and 14th October. Information about booking appointments will be sent out closer to the time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with me at drop-off or collection times, or contact school via email at primary@calderlearningtrust.com. I look forward to supporting your child this year and working closely with you to make it a happy and successful one.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Haran

Class Teacher