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Welcome to class 3!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school everyone and a very big welcome to year 3! I hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are looking forward to the new school year. We are so excited to see you all and welcome you into class 3 and we are ready to learn lots of new and exciting things!

In year 3 we will be working hard and learning all about new topics and even having some new, exciting lessons. Our first cornerstones topic of the year is Predator. We will have the opportunity to research information about lots of animals and discover how they move, what they feel like and what they eat. For our first topic engagement, we will be spending an afternoon on our school grounds, learning about and observing some predators and their prey. We will be recording what we have learnt and learning some new facts about the predators we can see around us.

Just a reminder of important diary dates:

- Homework and spellings – Homework will be given out on a Monday. We expect this back in school for a Friday morning. Spellings will now be given out on a Wednesday and are due in on a Monday, where we will carry out our weekly spelling test. You will receive your spellings in your School Diary and can practise these in your spell write book.
- Reading books – We will continue to send a reading book home with your child, that is linked closely to their reading ability. Could you please aim to read with your child at least once a week and record this in their Reading Record. Every time you read at home, you will receive a petal to go on our flowers. Once they are full, we will receive a whole class treat! During the first couple of weeks of each term, your child will be reassessed in their reading to ensure they are receiving the correct reading book for their ability. As soon as these assessments are complete, they will receive their new reading book.
- PE kits – Please send in a PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it at school throughout the week, we will return this home on a Friday. Our PE day this half term are a Mondays and Wednesdays, however we will be taking part in some other PE days/events over the half term so it is important that the children always have their kit.
- We will be starting Forest School sessions again, keep an eye out for more information to follow regarding the day this will be happening and what the children need to bring.

I am really looking forward to get to know you and your child over the course of the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

Many Thanks

Miss Turnock

Predator



It's time to take a walk on the wild side!

This half term, we'll invite some amazing animals into our classroom to discover how they move, what they feel like and what they eat. We'll also program a toy to move across a grid – will it be caught by a predator? We'll learn about the different parts of a plant and how some plants are predators! From our investigations about the human skeleton, we'll find out how muscle make the bones move. We'll investigate food chains and learn about how animals find their food. Using the internet, we'll research the majestic peregrine falcon and discover where crocodiles live. After our research, we'll create an exciting aquatic animation.

At the end of the ILP, we'll show you a range of animal fact presentations, make animal collages and learn about the interesting (and disgusting) world of parasites!

ILP focus	Science
English	Recounts, leaflets, poetry, stories, speeches
Science	Food chains, fossils, plants, skeletal systems
Art & design	3-D models
Computing	Algorithms, flow diagrams, research, logical reasoning, graphics software, presentations
D&T	Selecting and using materials
Geography	Fieldwork, using maps
Mathematics	Data handling
PE	Competitive games
PSHE	Resolving differences

Help your child prepare for their project

Predators can be found in deserts, jungles, oceans or even in your own back garden! Why not go for a walk and see which animals and plants you can identify? You could also visit a zoo, thinking about which animals are predators and which animals might be their prey. Alternatively, put bird food in the garden to see if you can attract any visitors!