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Happy New Year and a very big thank you for all the gifts and cards you gave us for Christmas. They were all very much appreciated.

### What will your child be learning this term?

A new term brings a new topic or theme, and with it lots of exciting learning opportunities.

#### Year 3

We are starting the term with our **Wow! What a World!** topic. Your child will be learning about non-fiction texts in English, all about climates and extreme weather in Geography and about how plants grow in Science. Also in Science, we'll be looking at light and why it is so fantastic.

In Maths there will be a large focus on multiplication and division and your child will be learning how to compute larger written calculations. There will be many other learning experiences this term.

#### Year 4

In Year 4 the children will be studying our "Passport to the Americas and Beyond" topic. This will provide the opportunity to explore, compare and consider different locations and lifestyles. Linked to this the children will have the fantastic experience of learning Samba drumming. The main focus in English will be creating our own stories and learning more about writing explanations. We will be reading *Gangsta Granny* by David Walliams and going to see the stage play later in the term. In maths we will continue to consolidate computation skills, especially multiplication and division and the important aspect of applying these to problem solving.

#### Homework

In Year 3 and Year 4 maths homework will continue to focus on learning multiplication tables and related division facts. There will also be activities on Abacus to complete; this will be linked to the work your child is doing in class. Please keep an eye on DB Primary - we keep adding links, tasks and new forums to comment on. There may be other homework related to our English and our topic work as it arises.

#### PE

Please can we remind you that with PE kits, children need an indoor kit (shorts and t-shirt) and an outdoor PE kit (**track-suit type top, track-suit type trousers and trainers**). These should be sent to school in one drawstring bag. Trainers are preferable for outdoor safety. Indoor PE shoes are not needed. For P.E the children need to be able to remove their own earrings or leave them at home on P.E. days. For safety children also need to have long hair tied back for PE lessons.

#### Swimming

Mrs Hood's and Miss Humphrey's class will be swimming every day between Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Mrs Antonini's and Mrs Dohring's class swim between Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

#### Class Assemblies

We have 1 class assembly next term, which is 3RA/ND on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

After school clubs and activities will be starting shortly and you will receive a note about these via your child. We hope your child seizes their opportunities and make progress with their learning this term.



