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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you, and your families, are all well and had a joyful Easter. The children have all seemed to enjoy the break and have returned ready for a new term of learning.

In the first half term, the Year 3 topic will be '**Mountains out of Molehills**'. This topic entails a geography focus, looking at mountain ranges and mountain biomes. In the second half of the term, we will cover '**From Angles to Alfred: Anglo-Saxon England**'. During this, we will focus on the invasion and settlement of Britain by the Anglo-Saxons (AD414-1066). An overview of our topics can be found on the next page of this letter.

On the 10th of June, we will visit Pizza Express in Dulwich to participate in a workshop where the children will learn the culinary skills required to make their own pizzas. We will be grateful for any parent volunteers willing to join us on the day. Further details about the trip will be sent out closer to the time.

Homework will continue to consist of reading, spellings and maths. Reading journals should be completed at least twice a week to track your child's reading and their comprehension of texts. Please make sure that your child returns their reading packs on Thursdays if they need a new pack. New packs will be sent home on Friday. Spellings will continue to be set via Wordshark and maths will continue to be set on Mathletics. Please also ensure that your children practise their times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars. If you have any difficulty logging on to our digital homework platforms, or cannot find your child's logins, please let me know.

Year 3 will continue to have PE lessons on Tuesdays and Fridays. Children must be able to remove their own earrings as jewellery is not permitted during PE lessons.

I look forward to a term full of learning and fun! If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office or directly at dmayers@swoy.lewisham.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Class Teacher
St William of York

English

Our books this term are 'The Pied Piper', 'Everest' by Sangma Francis, 'Monster Slayer' (an exciting version of Beowulf), 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett and the beautifully illustrated 'Lost Spells'. We will continue to teach the key Year 3 grammar through the text including: sentence structures with main and subordinate clauses, using paragraphs, non-fiction layout, speech punctuation, the perfect (continuous) tense and adverbs. Spellings will be given each week, with practice activities available on Wordshark. Children will be encouraged to become the first readers and improvers of their own writing, editing and improving their work, paying particular attention to their handwriting. They should continue to develop comprehension and fluency in their own reading, using their Reading Journals at home to respond to their texts, as well as and in guided reading sessions within class.

Maths

Children will continue to develop strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will learn to recognise tenths as fractions and decimal places, refresh their understanding of place value in three-digit numbers and are introduced to the tenths column. The children will also learn to add fractions with the same denominators and recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators. They will recognise angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn. They will look at volume and capacity and consolidate their understanding of measure. Importantly, children will be developing their ability to tell and write the time from an analogue clock, as well as using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks.

Geography/History

Year 3 will use atlases to locate mountain ranges across the world, recapping on knowledge from the Autumn term about how they are made. Children will learn more about mountain/alpine biomes and the effects of Climate Change, focusing on the Alps. Locate seven highest mountains, including: Everest, Denali, Kilimanjaro, Aconcagua, Elbrus, Vinson, Puncak Jaya. We will look at the impact of climate change with a special focus on the Alps.

In the second half of the term we find Britannia - abandoned by the Romans - invaded and settled by the Saxons. We will look at the spread of Christianity and the emergence of England as a country ruled by one king – Alfred the Great.

Art/D&T

During the first few weeks of term we will look at mark-making techniques and observational drawings of seedpods. We will explore the work of American artist Ruth Asawa before developing our drawings into 3D ideas using wire to make unique sculptural pods. Finally, we will draw our finished sculptures.

In the second half of the term we will create our own characters using the Bayeux Tapestry for inspiration and learn how to tell a story visually.

Year Group: Year 3

Teacher: Daniel Mayers



Topics:

Mountains out of Molehills

From Angles to Alfred: Anglo-Saxon England

Term: Summer 2025

Science

This term we will be learning about plants. The children will plan and set up their own experiments. They will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants, such as the roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. They will explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how this varies from plant to plant.

RE

The children will explore the stories of Jesus' appearances to the disciples after his resurrection and the promise of the Holy Spirit which helps us to continue his work on earth. We will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost - the 'birthday' of the Church.

They will discover that everyone has a special place and consider some of the special places for Jesus and the Christian community. We will remind ourselves of the work of CAFOD and remember that our hearts are a special place where God dwells. We will also explore some aspects of Judaism so that children are aware and respectful of the faith of others.

ICT

We will be exploring databases using software called 2Question. Pupils will gather their own data, input the data and then use it to create different charts and diagrams.

PE

During the first part of the term we will be focusing on Tennis, learning to hold and manipulate the racquet, followed by Cricket in the second half of the term.

We will also enjoy Gymnastics and Fitness lessons in indoor PE sessions.

RSE

We will explore the fact that similarities and differences between people arise as they grow and make choices, and that by living and working together ('teamwork') we create community. Children will learn about the need to respect and look after their bodies as a gift from God through what they wear, what they eat and what they physically do. We will also learn about the importance of emotional well-being and recognise the need to discuss our feelings.