



Year 3 Autumn 1 - Topic Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 3, we are excited about the year ahead. There are going to be lots of fascinating topics including Ancient Egypt, Myths and Legends and India. Our topic this half- term is 'Where we live'.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional Suggestions for home learning:
English	<p>Spelling: High frequency words, suffixes – ed, -ing, -er, -est, adding –es to words ending in –y</p> <p>Grammar: Sentence structure and sequencing using conjunctions, eg: before, during, meanwhile.</p> <p>Writing: Recounts, & story writing</p> <p>Reading: Decoding and comprehension skills</p> <p>Handwriting: revise ascenders and descenders with a view to encourage joined up handwriting</p>	<p>Reading a variety of genres, including fiction and non-fiction.</p> <p>Write letters and postcards to relatives.</p> <p>Visit the library.</p> <p>Encourage joined up writing.</p>
Maths	<p>Place Value, number bonds</p> <p>Four operations of number</p> <p>Problem solving</p>	
Science	<p>Research about class animal (Peacocks/ Parrots)</p> <p>Plants</p>	<p>Learn about the fascinating world of plants using this website designed for kids http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/plants.html</p>
ICT	<p>PowerPoint presentations</p>	<p>Touch typing skills - access Purple Mash through school website using their own login usernames and passwords http://www.tetherdownschool.org/</p>
Geography & history	<p>Local Studies: the use of maps, directions, journeys in and around Muswell Hill and London. Some history of London too.</p>	<p>Look at maps and atlases.</p> <p>Visit the Museum of London</p>
PE	<p>Netball</p> <p>Creative games making</p>	
DT/ ART	<p><u>Line & Colour</u></p> <p>Peacock/Parrot art</p> <p>Landmark/City art (Hundertwasser)</p>	
PSHE	<p>New beginnings and friendships</p> <p>Vision and Goals (in line with the whole school 'Be the Best you can Be' program)</p>	<p>Keep a personal diary</p>
RE	<p>Christianity - Churches</p>	
Music	<p>Singing and rhythm</p>	
Trips	<p>Local area walks including churches</p>	

We look forward to a happy and successful term with the children. Please introduce yourselves when you see us in the playground as, although you may recognise us, at the moment we don't know some of you! Please also feel free to arrange to see the class teacher if you have any concerns or questions relating to your child.

Dates for your diary

Visit to OLM & North Bank – TBC

Year 3 Joint Assembly- Friday 30th September 9.00am

St James' Church & Highgate Woods – TBC

Curriculum workshop for parents Thursday 29th September 7.00-8.30pm

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 4th & Thursday 13th October 4-7pm

Open Afternoon – Wednesday 19th October 2.45-3.30pm

With best wishes

Richard Evans, Tricia Cole and Bernice Joseph

Year 3 Class Teachers