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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Year 3. We are delighted that the children have come back to school so enthusiastically and ready to learn. They are also looking really smart in their uniforms—please remember to put names into clothing and shoes.



Religious Education – we will continue to follow the 'Come and See' programme and this term we will be studying the three topics: *Homes (our Domestic Church Topic); Promises; and Visitors (the Advent & Christmas topic)*. We will also learn more about Judaism this term.



English and Our Book Based Curriculum – this term we have some really exciting books to explore!

We are starting with *My Two Grannies* by Floella Benjamin and we will be learning more about homes and our families. In science we will learn about how our bodies work and how food helps them to function. In Geography we will look closely at homes in the UK before comparing them to homes in other parts of the world. We will then spend some time looking at *Peter Pan*, exploring fairy-tale homes and families.

We will then study poetry by Robert Louis Stevenson, learning about the techniques Stevenson used, and the reasons for using them. We will learn some poems by heart, before creating our own examples in response.

As Christmas approaches, we will turn to a more traditional tale, reading *On Angel Wings* by Michael Morpurgo before looking again at the Christmas Story in the Bible.



Maths – the children will continue to learn new concepts in arithmetic, geometry, data handling and problem solving through *Maths Makes Sense*. Please remember to encourage your child to practise their number bonds to 20 and 3x, 4x and 8x tables.



PE: Please ensure children have their **PE kit** in school **at all times**. The usual day for PE is **Tuesday**. However, this will change from time to time, particularly due to the weather. Please refer to the Home / School diary to ensure children have the correct kit and please remember to write in your child's name.



Homework will be sent out at the beginning of every half term, to be returned towards the end (please see homework book for exact date). This will be topic based and will involve art and writing based activities. In addition to this, spellings and maths homework will be sent home on Thursdays to be returned the following Wednesday. Spellings will be tested every Wednesday.

Homework Help - There is a Homework club at lunchtime if any children wish to independently do part of the work in school. If any aspects of homework are causing a concern please let us know.

Please remember to make use of the Home/School diary if you have any comments, queries or concerns. Please let your child know if there is a note in the diary so that it can be handed to the teacher in the morning.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Long