Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your child had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the new term ahead. We are so impressed with how the children are settling into their new class and the new academic year. In Year 3 the staff are Mrs Lee and Miss Wright and we have an exciting year of learning planned ahead. 'What's on your plate?' will form the main theme of our work for this term with many cross-curricular links. We are hoping to organise a trip to take place this term and there will be lots of creative activities in order to make the learning as experiential as possible. Please see the attached document for the overview of what will be covered in each subject this term.

Times Tables

As the children are becoming aware, times tables are incredibly important in all areas of maths work. By the end of Year 3, we are hoping they are confident in 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Any additional practise that your child can do outside of school hours will improve their knowledge even further. Times Tables Rockstars logins will be sent home with your child shortly as this is a great platform for practising at home.

Reading

We complete whole-class reading sessions daily in school where we explore a range of stories, non-fiction texts and poetry. We would still encourage children to be reading a diverse range of material at home. As the children have developed their understanding of the different genres that exist, it would be beneficial for your child to explore these genres and authors further at home. This will encourage them to take risks with their reading and to step out of their comfort zones. For the Autumn term, we will be focusing on the authors Dick King Smith and David Walliams.

Spellings

In KS2 we follow the Supersonic Friends Spelling Scheme and spellings will be set on a Monday and either tested on the first Friday or the following Friday. Activities will be completed each day in school however the children should also be practising regularly at home. If they can put them into sentences and understand their meaning this helps reinforce their use and accuracy.

PE Days

Finally, just a reminder that our **PE days will be a Wednesday and a Friday**. Therefore, children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days. Please ensure your child has adequate winter PE kit with them as the weather becomes colder. Swimming will take place at some point this term and you will be informed of any changes to PE days along with what kit the children will need closer to the time.

Snack

Now your child is in KS2, fruit is no longer provided at morning break. If you wish your child to have a snack at this time, they will need to bring something in from home.

We look forward to meeting you at parent consultations in October, however if you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lee and Mrs Wright