



As you are probably aware we have a whole school topic this term which is 'He's got the whole world in his hands'. During this topic we will be covering the following themes:

- Different living settlements, e.g. towns, villages etc.
- Reading, following and making maps.
- How our locality has changed and will change over time, including our school.
- Famous people who have lived in our local area e.g. Edward Jenner and JK Rowling.
- Reasons for living and moving to our local area.
- Looking after our world for the future.
- Investigating different materials used for housing, including waterproofing and insulation.
- What is life like in Uganda, comparing our school to our link school, Hosanna etc.

Please feel free to share this topic with your child at home. The children are welcome to bring in any additional information/artefacts/pictures to share with their class.

In Literacy we will be writing instructions linked to our topic, a unit on stories from other cultures, focusing on African tales and poetry, creating images. This term we are focusing on punctuation. In RE we will be learning about communities, helping children develop a sense of belonging and responsibility. Later in the term, we will be examining the message of Christmas. In PSHE your child will be learning about 'New Beginnings'. In Maths this term we are having a big push on mental addition and subtraction and will be encouraging all the children to practice their times tables at home so they can recall them by heart.

PE is on Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit including daps or trainers on those days, and earrings are removed.

Our library day is Monday. Your child should bring in their library books on Monday so that they can be changed. Maths games are handed out on alternate Wednesdays and should be returned the following week.

Now your child is in Year 3, it will be their responsibility to change their reading books, as and when they need them. We encourage you to keep commenting in reading records. If your child needs to change their book they will usually have time from 8.50 to 9.05 each morning in which to do so.

This term homework will include reading, practising spelling patterns (see additional letter), maths games, number clubs and topic homework. Your child will bring home a folder that includes the tasks for this term. Their work can be word processed or hand written and should be handed in by the Thursday of each week. Please encourage children to present their work neatly, as it may be used for display or put in their topic books.

A 'Meet the Teacher' drop in session will be after school 3.20-3.50 on Monday September the 16<sup>th</sup> which is a opportunity for you to come in and find out a bit more about what we do in Year 3 and what things we have planned this term. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

If any parents would like to help with the class please let me know, you would be much appreciated!  
If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me. I think you will agree we have a really exciting term's worth of work to get stuck into and I look forward to seeing what this term holds.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Carr