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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a wonderful Easter break, tried not to eat too much chocolate and were able to enjoy some quality family time.

Our summer term topic will be **Japan**, which will be linked across all the curriculum areas. Children will be developing their knowledge and skills through a variety of stimulating and interesting activities. Please see the information attached to this letter for more information.

For this topic, Year 3 will become historical investigators. The topic of Japan is rich in history and we'll be exploring the historical timeline for this fascinating country, looking into the monarchy and leadership structure, as well as finding out about ancient traditions that are continued today. We will investigate many areas of Japanese life including: calligraphy, religion, dress, education and food.

We are really looking forward to bringing this topic to life and we hope that our children enjoy it as much as they enjoyed our ancient Greek topic!

We will now be having PE on **Mondays** and **Fridays** and will be focusing on athletics and team games. Children should bring their kit on a Monday and leave it on their peg until Friday, when it will be sent home to be washed over the weekend. The reason for this is that sometimes we have extra enrichment sessions and activities, which can happen at any time during the week.

We loved our debating sessions last half term and will continue to develop these skills into the summer term through our Philosophy for Children (P4C) sessions. We will begin to introduce this into our home learning and hope you enjoy discussing 'Thanks' - simple questions with not-so-simple answers!

On **Fridays** we will continue to hand out **Home Learning** which will be returned to school every **Wednesday**. Home Learning is an important part of your children's learning and progress and we strongly encourage that it is completed each week.

In year 3 we recommended that everyone reads for 20 minutes per evening, with you, another family member or independently and that this is recorded in their **reading records**. These can either be filled in by the children or by an adult.

As we're moving into the summer months, please can you check children are properly dressed for the weather; for example sunhats and sun lotion on hot days. Please also ensure that your child brings a **water bottle** to school daily as proper hydration promotes concentration and learning.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year Three team.

Kind regards,

Ms Fynaut, Mr O'Brien, Mr Thompson and Ms Sue

(The Year Three Team)

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