Welcome back, we hope that everyone has had a lovely break. We are looking forward to a very exciting term in Year 3. Our ‘Kip on a Ship’ trip to H.M.S. Belfast will be an interesting, memorable experience, one that will help the children develop independence and organisational skills whilst having lots of fun.

Thank you for your help and support with our production ‘Ye Hah.’ The costumes and props were great and we are incredibly proud of the way that all children managed their roles.

We will also be practising for our Year 3 assembly this term, we know that the children will apply the same enthusiasm as they did for their production to make it successful.

Thank you for your ongoing support with tables, spellings and reading. The Summer Term project will be based on our Geography topic of North America.

Ms Parker, Ms Taylor, Mrs Sharkey and Mrs White.

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**English**

We will continue to study the writing of favourite children’s author, Roald Dahl, and we will develop the children’s instruction-writing skills. Additionally, we will study the exciting genre of adventure and mystery, writing our own adventure.

**Maths**

We will focus on fractions and explore weight and capacity, look at properties of shape and handle data. We will continue to practice the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will be spending time on more formal methods of recording calculations and investigating.

**Computing**

We will be using ‘coding’ and programming to problem solve and manipulate characters in a fun animation program which will really stretch our ‘systematic’ thinking. Additionally, we will learn how to handle data using a computer program.

**Geography**

This term, we will learn about the UK and the continent of North America, focusing on mountains, rivers, settlements and wildlife. If you have any interesting artefacts or stories that you can share, I would be very grateful if you could let me know.

**Science**

We will complete our topic on ‘Light’ and then study ‘Forces and Magnets’ and ‘Plants.’ We will continue to develop the skills of planning investigations, questioning and predicting. We will also focus on evaluating experiments and drawing conclusions, related, when possible, to everyday life.

**Art/DT**

We will focus on arts and crafts related to North America, creating sculptures of totem poles using card and paper as well as making dream catchers. In DT, we will make cornbread as well as interactive toys linked to North America.

**PE**

We will be learning how to play rounders and develop skills in athletics in preparation for our Sports Day. Swimming will continue.

**R.E./Music**

We will be learning about God and the Torah, in Judaism, and about various religious symbols. We will be singing songs inspired by North America, such as Native American songs and exploring sounds in order to be descriptive and maintain our own parts. We will also create our own compositions.

**French**

With Mrs Sharkey teaching, the children will be extending their vocabulary and learning about French culture through songs and games.

**PSHE/RRS/Philosophy for Children**

The focus will be on developing independence and a positive attitude towards problem-solving, developing self-confidence and encouraging self-reliance, whilst improving social skills.

**Enabling Enterprise**

We will continue to use the 8 Challenge Skills during our lessons. In our unit of work, ‘Trash to Treasure’, we will use teamwork to create toys from recycled materials—start collecting interesting things!

**Homework**

**Maths and English**

Children will continue to be given Maths and English homework on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, to be handed in the following Monday morning. This may be in the form of an activity sheet, a specific writing focus, a game or an investigation. They should read every day and practise their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables related division facts and number bonds to and from 20.

**Spellings**

There will be weekly spelling lists to be taken home on Mondays. They will need to practise these spellings regularly, using a variety of activities from their spelling folders.

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**Important**

The overnight trip to HMS Belfast is on Tuesday 14th May to Wednesday 15th May. The children must hand in their homework diaries on Fridays but need to have them in class daily. Please sign your child’s diary at least once a week; however, feel free to sign it more often, perhaps after hearing your child read and when they have completed their homework. You may also use it to contact me with any concerns or queries— if so, let your child know that I need to see it.

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times and send your child to school with a plastic water bottle that does not leak. If the weather is hot, please provide a hat and sun protection cream.