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Dear Parent/Guardian,
welcome to Summer 1 half term.

This half term our topic is 'Why are Jungles so Wet and Deserts so Dry?' The children will compare climates of where we live to climates in the Amazon rainforests and the Arica desert. They will use maps to help locate different countries and climates. The pupils will take an investigative approach to this learning journey as most lessons will be explored through a number of key questions.

The main learning that will take place will be connected to the Geography learning question. For example in English the children will be writing adventure stories set in a jungle. Additionally, the science topic is plants and therefore the children will be learning about specific adaptation of plants in different locations around the world. Further to this, the computing learning journey will allow the children to report and record their own views on climate and climate change.

Reading: Reading is a key aspect of our curriculum. It helps to improve vocabulary choices and is a transferable skill. Please continue to read with your child and encourage them to read several times a week and remember to write this in the back of their homework diary.

Numbots: During the last half term we saw some of the children complete Numbots and begin their journey on Times Tables Rockstars. As we progress through the final term we would love to see more children make this progress. We will continue to give out certificates and badges when certain milestones are reached.

Homework: Thank you to all of you who are encouraging your child to complete their homework. Reading and Maths homework is always linked to the consolidation of work covered in class, or linked to ongoing concepts or skills. These links are important, as they provide a strong sense of continuity within these subjects. For the rest of this academic year, **homework will be set on a Friday and due in on a Friday**

PE: We have a PE lesson on **Tuesday and Thursday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit on these days. A little reminder - PE kits should be the following. School PE kits or Plain white T-shirt with Trainers. Additionally when we are outside children may come in wearing a plain tracksuit.

Many thanks for your continued support and encouragement.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 team
Mrs McQuaid, Mrs Jefferis, Miss Brown, Mrs Buncle and Mrs Willis