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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This half term our topic is "Beyond the Magic Kingdom: What is the sunshine state really like?". This enquiry is designed to enable pupils to gain an understanding of the physical and human geographical features of a region in North America with which they can begin to compare and contrast the characteristics of a region of the United Kingdom. Please look at the topic grid for all our subject content for this half term.

Curriculum: We will be connecting our writing with our Geography, 'Turtles in trouble!', explaining why sea turtles are endangered. In Science, the children will be studying 'Animals including humans' where we will explore the different types of nutrition and the amounts different animals and humans need.

Reading: Please continue to read with your child and encourage them to read several times a week. Please remember to sign your child's reading chart in their homework book so they can continue to collect reading miles.

Times Table Practice: It's essential that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. Short bursts of daily practice are more effective than spending hours once a week. And this is where you come in. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice, they need your help. Without your praise and your reminders, without you sitting down next to them or checking their work, practising times tables will not feel important to your child. Your child will be aware of the relevant times tables to be practising from our daily routines in school.

Environments: We are very lucky to be having one yoga session a week as well as our other PE lesson. PE will continue to be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school including a navy blue hoodie/ jumper, navy blue/ black tracksuit bottoms, navy/ black shorts, white T-Shirt and trainers. Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE so we will request that they remove them or cover them with micro-pore tape which needs to be provided from home.

Homework: Homework will continue to be set in class on Mondays and is due the following Monday when we will mark the homework as a class. The children will have one maths task and one reading task to complete. Please ensure that they are encouraged and supported to do this. They will need your guidance as to when they should complete their homework around other after school commitments.

Thank you for your continued support. The children have made a fantastic start to year 3 and we look forward to seeing this continue this half term.

The Year 3 team,
Mrs Boiron, Mrs Buncle and Miss White (Osprey)
Miss Brown, Mrs Day and Mr Howard (Merlin)