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Dear Parents and carers,

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. This is connected nicely to our science topic which is plants. We are really lucky to be welcoming Mrs Barker back for some of our science lessons. The children had lots of fun previously during these sessions.

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. We are in the last term of the year, it would be wonderful to see how many reading miles children can collect.

TTRS: It has been so wonderful to see the children engaging in Times Tables Rockstars. Please keep this up so we can continue to give out certificates. If you sign the TTRS sheet in their homework book, the children can be awarded with prizes for every 25 plays.

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 continue to be set on a Monday and due in on a Monday.**

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, our 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 Boiron, Miss Brown, Mrs Day, Mrs Buncle and Ms Ferguson