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Term 1 France Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic break and well-earned rest. It has been really lovely welcoming the children into France class and we know that they will have a fantastic year. This term our gem is **Ruby** and we will be focussing on respect.

Our Curious Curriculum is Growing Together and our enquiry questions for Term 1 are: '**How do flowering plants function?, How might climate affect plant growth?, Is any one part of the plant more important than another? and What is nutrition and why is it important to health?**' This theme will enhance our scientific and design technology skills. Our Key Text is '**Wangari's Trees of Peace**' written by Jeanette Winter and our learning will be centred round this. We will be writing a range of different text types including a narrative, a letter and a non-chronological report about Kenya focussing on accurate punctuation, using conjunctions and noun phrases. In maths, we will be focussing on place value and we will be looking at numbers to a thousand. In addition, we will be consolidating number bonds and times table facts. Miss Potts will be providing PPA cover every Friday afternoon.

PE Kit:

It is expected that your child has a PE kit in school throughout the week. Please ensure all items, including uniform, are labelled with first and last names to allow us to keep track of them. No matter how tidy we are in Year 3 if garments are not labelled, it can be difficult to return them to their rightful owner. Our sessions will be on a Tuesday and Thursday. PE kits will be sent home each term to be washed to ensure the safety of our pupils.

Home Learning:

We expect all pupils to read to a family member five times per week for ten minutes. Please ensure that reading diaries are acknowledged and signed by parents as this is an essential record of which books your child has read and how they are progressing. It is compulsory that books



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Reading books are changed when required. Remember that each book should be read three times to help the child build fluency.

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Morning Snacks and Drinks:

We recommend that your child brings their own snack to school as fruit as KS2 fruit is not provided by school. We would ask that this is fruit or a healthy snack such as a cereal bar. Please only send WATER in drinks bottles to promote healthy eating and to reduce the risk of spillages.

Many thanks,

Mrs Hughes

Class teacher