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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of Year 3!

This term our topic is **‘What was it like to be a miner?’** We will be researching local history and looking at a number of different sources to find out about mining in the local area. Please encourage the children to find out as much as possible about this topic as this will really help them when investigating this time in history. If you know anyone who was part of the local mining industry and would be willing to come into school and talk to the children about their experiences please do let me know.

Our **literacy** this term will be based around the books of Lynne Cherry. We will be reading the Great Kapok Tree and the Shaman’s Apprentice which both focus on the Amazon Rainforest. The children will be writing persuasively to get their point of view across and will then be using these models to create their own extended stories.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home every night and sign their reading record so we can keep track of where they are.

Numeracy: This term we will be looking at time, concentrating on telling the time to the nearest five minutes and calculating the duration of events in hours and minutes. Please see how your children are doing with this home. Ask them questions about what time it is, what time events start and finish and how long they last etc. This practical experience really helps them to get used to the wording and get an idea of what is a sensible answer!

In **Science** we will be starting our learning on **‘Plants.’** The children will be finding out about what plants need to grow and survive and will be carrying out investigations to look at the functions of different parts of the plant and the life cycle of flowering plants.

Religious Education: In RE, we will continue our learning on Sikhism from earlier in the year. Our main learning question for this topic is ‘How do Sikh people celebrate and worship?’

P.E: Indoor PE on Monday afternoon and outdoor games on Tuesday afternoon.

Please ensure that full P.E. kit, including trainers and tracksuit for outdoor games, is in school each day. Please check that all clothing is appropriately labelled too – we get a lot of ‘lost property’, which cannot be returned to the owner if it is not named.

ICT: This term we will be making our own films using ‘Movie Maker,’ learning to upload different files and how to edit our digital media.

Homework will usually be sent out on a **Wednesday** and should be returned by the following **Monday**. Each week there will normally be Literacy and Numeracy activities.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to see me at the end of the school day. Thank you in advance for your continuing support.

Kind regards
Ms Jess Watson

