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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We welcome children back for both an exciting start to Year 3 and to Key Stage Two.

This year whole school assemblies will continue to take place at 9.00am. We ask that your child is in school promptly at 8.40 - in good time to start the day and complete the Early Morning learning task.

This term our '**Recycling**' theme will be linked to our inspiring story: 'One Plastic Bag' by Miranda Paul. This is a real life story about Isatou Ceesay and the recycling women of The Gambia. We will develop our ecological awareness and look at ways we can help to reduce, reuse and recycle materials. Please see the curriculum map for greater details.

P.E. sessions will be on a Monday and Wednesday for Mulberry Class and Wednesday and Friday for Aspen Class. Please ensure your child has a named P.E. kit with appropriate footwear and clothing as we will try to go outdoors whenever possible.

Homework this year will be sent out on a Thursday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. Homework will consist of a termly story telling homework, learning a weekly spelling list and multiplication tables.

To encourage independent reading, children are required to have an in-class reading diary in KS2. We highly recommend that your child continues to build their reading stamina by reading an appropriate book for at least 30 minutes a day. We encourage you to talk with your child about their book to develop their interest in literature and broaden their vocabulary.

We are very much looking forward to teaching our Year Three classes. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to see your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

The Year 3 Team

Annis Akhtar (**Aspen Class**) Jacquie Pinches & Helen Edwards (**Mulberry Class**)