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**At St. Helen's we learn to LOVE, love to LEARN and aspire to SERVE
so that we become Inspiring Change Makers**

'Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.'
Hebrews 10:24



Dear Class 3 families,

Welcome to the summer term. I hope you had a wonderful Easter, didn't overdose on chocolate and managed not to get blown away in all the wind and rain! Hopefully the sun will begin to shine as we move through our packed summer term in Year 3. We've got loads of exciting projects and learning planned.

This term our overarching theme is 'society' and our focus virtue is community. In Class 3 we'll be trying to answer the big question: **'What inventions and innovations have changed the way we live?'** with a particular focus on the Victorian era. This means that we'll be examining some of the amazing inventions from that time in history and gaining an understanding of how they work. This will link to our DT project and our English where we will be writing explanation texts and learning about linkages and levers.

As part of our learning we'll be heading over to Appledore for the day. There we will visit the RNLI lifeboat station and North Devon Maritime Museum. This will provide the opportunity for our children to chat to experts and gain some real insight from those on the front line and see how inventions have changed the lives of people in our own community (I'll send more information regarding this in a separate letter). This coupled with a visit from the RNLI lifeguards should mean that by the end of the term the children will hopefully be able to confidently talk about how they can stay safe too.

In this term's RE we will be trying to answer the tough question, 'What sort of world did Jesus want?' We'll look at stories with morals and compare them to Jesus' teaching through parables. French focuses on fruits, PSHE on 'being our best' and in our science will be exploring the amazing world of plants - Mrs Barkwill will be teaching the subject each Wednesday afternoon.

In our maths sessions we are deepening our knowledge of fractions, before developing our understanding of time and mass & capacity. I'll set weekly homework tasks on Mathletics to reinforce our learning and help children cement what they've done in school. There is also a chance for children to use TT rockstars to enhance their understanding of times tables.



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Our PE this half term will be on Tuesdays. We will learning some tennis skills before practising athletic skills ready for our Sports Day (25th June). Please send children in in their PE kits every Tuesday.

I'd be very grateful if we could complete the homework tasks each week. Please encourage your children to practise their times tables: learning them by heart underpins so much of the maths they will do in the next few years. I really appreciate the feedback about communication and Seesaw - I hope that the weekly reminders I pin to the top are useful. Please check in daily on Seesaw so that you can see what the class has been up to and talk to your child about their learning. Your engagement in their learning is key to their progress and development.

It's been great to catch up with the class and find out what they've been up to over Easter. It sounds like they've had a great few weeks, but I am also aware that some children might be very good at masking any worries they may have. Please encourage your child to come and talk to me, or another member of staff, if they have any concerns about anything. I don't bite!

If there is anything I have missed or if you have any questions, then please let me know. You can message me on Seesaw or send me an email via the office.

Thanks so much for all your support.

Best wishes,
Mr Kent

A few reminders:

When the warmer sunny weather finally arrives, please can your child bring a sun hat to school each day along with suncream and a filled water bottle. A lightweight waterproof coat is also essential when the weather forecast isn't so good as we go out in all weathers.

Children will need their Chromebook each day and need to make sure it's charged.

Please continue to encourage your child to record their reading on Seesaw every day, even if it is just to record the pages read. (Record as in write down, not make an audio recording!) SHout if you need a reminder of how to use it.

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