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 Elms, Poplars, Maples and Sycamores

Dear Parents,
 Welcome back after the summer holidays. This is an outline of the subjects we will cover this half-term:

Maths	In maths, the children will be learning about the place value of each digit in a three digit number and comparing and ordering numbers to 1000. They will be consolidating their knowledge about the four main operations and securing their understanding of number facts and missing number problems.
English	The children will begin by learning about the key features of instructions and information texts. Our grammar focus for instructions will be time conjunctions, command sentences and imperative verbs. We will also study the structure and language features of non-chronological reports. Eventually the children will plan, research and compose their own reports around our topic of the Mediterranean. Here the children will learn to use headings and sub-headings and we will introduce paragraphs.
Geography	Why do so many people choose to go to the Mediterranean for their holidays? The children will be exploring why so many people choose to go to the Mediterranean for their holidays. The Children will study the world map and identify continents, with a focus on Europe. They will also investigate the climate, culture and travel in Mediterranean countries.
Science	What is light? The children will be learning that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will explore a range of different light sources and begin to see how light is reflected from an object. They will also discover how shadows are formed and find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.
PE	Sycamores will be swimming at Richmond Pools on the Park every Tuesday. Elms, Poplars and Maples' focus will be on ball-skills for games. Our other PE session will be Gymnastics, focusing on travelling and balancing.
RE	In RE, the children will explore the key teachings, beliefs and symbols in Hinduism. They will look closely at how these key elements compare to those in Christianity.
Computing	The children will be 'Researchers', with the children investigating and researching the Mediterranean and constructing a multimedia presentation.
DT	Do you have a taste for the Mediterranean? Our topic is 'Food' – Healthy and Varied Diet'. We will be designing and making exciting Mediterranean breads to form part of our healthy diet.
Music	In Music, we will be following a scheme of work on Charanga Music School, based around the unit 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. The children will have the opportunity to listen to a range of different music styles such as Motown, Soul and R&B and compose their own music using a variety instruments.
PSHCE	The children will be looking at a unit of work based around beginning and belonging.
French	The children will be learning how to greet and say goodbye to someone. We will introduce how you ask someone's name and say your own as well as asking someone how they are. We will also be focusing on learning some basic nouns and the numbers 1–10.
Trips/Special weeks	13th September: Year 3 Meet the Teacher Meeting at 3.30pm in the Hall 19th September: Weekly swimming starts for Sycamores

PE will take place twice a week and children will need their full PE kit including named **plimsolls or trainers**.

Reading at home should continue to be a focus. Children will receive a homework book in the first few weeks of returning to school. Children will also receive weekly spellings and have the opportunity to complete tasks on Education City.

We really appreciate parent helpers, but in order to plan effectively we find it works best if parents can commit to a regular slot, preferably on a weekly basis. We will welcome parent helpers after half term.

We are available between 8.15a.m. and 8.30a.m. and after school on most days (apart from Mondays) if you have any queries or issues to discuss. We look forward to a happy and successful Year 3.

Leanne Mitchell – **Elms** Debbie Marks – **Poplars** Catherine Zawada – **Maples**
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