

### Year 3, Term 3 - January 2024

Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas. We wish you a happy 2024. We can't believe we are already at the start of Term 3!

Firstly, we would like to say well done to the children for all their hard work so far this academic year - it is amazing to see how well the children have risen to the challenges of Year 3.

We have another busy term ahead of us.

In English, the children will be learning about the features of instructions before attempting to write their own, based on how to make a snowman. Fingers crossed for snow! We will then move onto studying traditional tales with a twist. We will also be having castles wow days to tie in with this theme. If things go to plan - these will take place in the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Please continue to help your children practise spellings and to read regularly at home. There are brand new prizes in our Reading Raffle this term! The children will receive a Reading Raffle ticket each week they read five or more times. They can also access a range of books online through MyOn using the login that they have in the front of their reading diaries. We will continue to set spellings each week. Spelling tests will continue to be on **Mondays**.

In maths, we will be developing our multiplication and division strategies moving to formal methods, including problem solving. If you would like to further support maths, remember to access the websites listed on the school website (curriculum - maths).

The children are progressing well with their times tables! Please continue to support your child in practising their times table facts each week. Tests will be on Fridays this term. Also, remember to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars. Their log in, as you know, is in the back of their reading diaries.

Our science topic this half term will be 'Health and Movement'. We will consider how to have a balanced, healthy diet, as well as looking at what different animals eat. Then we will go on to look at animal and human skeletons, how they support and protect us and how our muscles work. We are looking forward to our 'skeletons experience day' on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

In geography, we will be learning to use maps and atlases to locate continents, countries and capital cities, before focusing on some counties and cities of the U.K.

Our school value that we will be focusing on this term is 'ambition'.

Children are encouraged to bring in a bottle of water each day. Please make sure bottles are named and preferably that they have a sports cap to prevent spillages.

On PE Days, please continue to send children into school in their PE kit. If your child wears earrings please can you make sure that they do not wear them on PE days or that they are covered with tape. If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied up in the morning. Thank you.

PE Days: Monday and Wednesday

If you have any concerns or issues that you would like to discuss, please email us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 3 Team.