



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you all had a fantastic and well-earned festive break and managed to spend some much-needed time with loved ones. We look forward now to another fun-filled term ahead. Please see our enquiry web for further details.

We are very excited to be performing our Year 3 production on Tuesday 7th February at 2pm and 6pm - more details to follow! We are also holding brief parent meetings straight after school on Monday 16th January and Wednesday 18th January to support you with helping your child to learn their times tables. For those of you who can not attend, we will send out the key points.

Help at home

Please can you ensure that your child reads regularly at home because regular reading at home really does have an impact on their confidence and progress in reading, writing and all subjects at school. If your child reads an extract of a book at home, either with you or on their own, please add it to the Boombox app so that we can track and celebrate reading in class.

The children are improving well with their weekly spelling tests. Please continue to practise these spelling patterns. For most children we will now be looking at the Year 3 spelling patterns and common exception words, which are more challenging. If your child struggles with spellings then you may see that they have some repeated words from last term and other high frequency words. These are more purposeful for children who struggle in this area.

Homework will continue to be set termly and children will have a choice of tasks to complete. In Year 3, we have high expectations of children with regards to homework and we ask that every child completes it to the high standards expected in class.

The children will continue to work on times tables so please take some time to practise their set tables; practice sheets will be sent home). Learning to tell the time is an ongoing challenge so, even though they will continue to be supported in their journey with this, helping at home and making continuous references to both analogue and digital times will be very beneficial. Using money is also a great way to embed an understanding of the values of digits in numbers as well as simple addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.

Please ensure that your child always brings a **water bottle** to school - **water only**, no squash please unless your child has a medical requirement for something else. Please also remember not to send any food in with your child that contains **nuts**. Please also ensure that children remember to keep their correct **PE kit** (house colour T-shirt, dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms, socks, trainers or daps) in school for the whole week. We do go out for PE even when it is cold so please have suitable kit in school. Please also make sure they come to school with a coat during the winter months as we will still do PE outside, regardless of weather. Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home or a message sent via class Dojo to your child's teacher. Please check the website and class Dojo for any key dates, messages or learning tutorials.

Here's to an exciting first term of the new school year!

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