

January 7th 2025

Class 3

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We were overwhelmed by all the cards and gifts we received – thank you very much! As we start this new term, I thought I would take the opportunity to inform you of what will be happening in Class 3. The attached curriculum sheet shows you what your child will be learning during Spring term and ways you can support your child’s learning.

Please ensure your child quickly re-establishes their regular reading habits. They will need to read for **at least fifteen minutes a day**, from a range of texts. Please try and find the time to sit with your child and ask them questions which will show they have a good understanding of their reading. They each have a bookmark with some question ideas for you to use. Children can record their own reading in their reading diaries but it will need to be signed by an adult and brought into school every day.

As well as establishing regular reading habits, please ensure your child practises their multiplication and division facts through TT Rockstars. Times table knowledge is essential to supporting your child across all aspects of their maths work. Playing through their weekly homework sessions on TT Rockstars will help them to become fluent in their knowledge and also help prepare effortlessly for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.

Last term we introduced Spelling Shed as our new spelling scheme, which has so far proved rather successful! I will be sending home a spellings homework sheet each week which also includes their weekly words so can be kept for reference until Friday each week when we will have our spelling test. There are also online games to help practise spellings which make up part of their homework.

Finally, we continue to use Century Tech both in school and for homework, which is a web-based programme that provides personalised support to each and every child through clever, automated questioning. It challenges them to work on the things they need to learn and is highly effective at identifying their gaps in knowledge. It encourages children to dig deep into their own toolbox, find connections and use prior knowledge. This will be monitored each week and assignments assigned, where appropriate.

Our P.E. days are returning to **Mondays and Thursdays** and children will need to wear their P.E. kits to school on those days. We are continuing to run swimming lessons in a two-week block but not until the summer term so more information will follow nearer the time. As well as providing the appropriate sports kits, it is also essential that children have an apron or shirt for artwork, due to the messy nature of the subject!

We are also fortunate that it is our turn to have Forest School with Mrs Laverick on a Tuesday afternoon **after half term** so we will need suitable clothing to be brought in each Tuesday and can expect to get messy!

If you require any further information, or have any queries or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am usually available after school and for a short while before the school day begins.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Brindley