

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break and it has been lovely to hear all the holiday news from the children over the last few days. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you all for your extremely kind and generous gifts at the end of last term. We were all incredibly touched.

Our curriculum theme this term is the Year 3 Detective Agency! Within this, we will be working as detectives across all areas of the curriculum. Our topic is Stone Age to Iron Age and our fact finding missions will include: When were the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages and where are they placed in history? What was life like for people at these times? For more detailed information about each curriculum area, please take a look at our Curriculum Overview.

We are also really excited to be starting our Prana Minds sessions which will take place each Friday. We will be developing our social and emotional skills as well as taking part in meditation and relaxation sessions.

### Homework

**Reading:** We will be asking all children to continue to read every day at home and to discuss their reading with a parent/grandparent/friend or sibling! Please continue to complete reading records as we do check these each week when your child reads with us.

**Spelling:** Spelling lists will continue to be sent home on a **MONDAY** to be learnt for a test the following Monday. We will be completing spelling related activities in school each day to support the learning of these words.

**Maths:** We will be continuing with the cracking times table programme. Each child will be working to their own level and will need to practise these tables at home. They will be tested on a **FRIDAY** and cracking times table books will be updated each week.

### PE

Year Three PE is timetabled for Tuesday afternoons (indoor - gym/dance) and Wednesday mornings (outdoor - football). It is very cold and muddy at the moment, therefore please ensure that your child has a suitable outdoor PE kit with them in school all week which includes a *separate PE jumper* and socks. It is also useful to have a separate carrier bag with PE kits for muddy trainers. Children are welcome to bring kit in on a Monday and it will be returned on a Friday.

Similarly, all jewellery (including earrings) must be removed on a Tuesday and a Wednesday before school. Should your child arrive in school wearing earrings on these days, these will be covered with surgical tape for your child's own safety. Hair must also be tied back for all PE lessons. We are grateful for your support with these matters.

Lastly, don't forget to follow Year 3 on our private Twitter page which is updated with photos of our learning. Follow the link on our class page on the school website.

We are really looking forward to a wonderful and exciting term with your child,

With kindest regards,

Mrs Wells and Mrs Sanigar

