

January 2018

Dear Year 3 Parents,

Welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break. 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 for all of your extremely kind and generous gifts at the end of last term. We were all incredibly touched.

We are very excited to extend a very warm welcome to Ms Ford who is joining the Year 3 teaching team this term. We are sure that she will settle in and feel at home very quickly!

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.

Homework

Reading: We will be asking all children to continue to read aloud every day at home for 5 minutes and to discuss their reading with a parent/grandparent/friend or sibling! The children can read independently as well but it is important to continue to practise reading aloud. Please complete reading records as we do check these each week when your child reads with us or encourage your child to write a comment too!

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 will take place on a Wednesday afternoon (football) and Friday morning (swimming). 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. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit for swimming on Fridays including a swim hat and goggles. Similarly, all jewellery (including earrings) must be removed on a Wednesday and Friday 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.

Proposed enrichment activities

We are very excited to welcome Saro Wallace into school in Term 4 for a series of workshops to share her archaeological skills and expertise with us. We are also hoping to visit The Earth Trust at Wallingford to take part in a survival day.

Lastly, don't forget to follow each class on our private Twitter pages which are updated with photos of our learning. We are really looking forward to a wonderful and exciting term with your child,

With kindest regards,

Mrs Wells, Mrs Sanigar and Ms Ford