



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 can't possibly thank you enough for all your kind cards, messages and gifts we received, it really was quite unexpected and very generous. We look forward now to another fun filled term ahead. Our new enquiry this term is 'Active Planet' and we will be exploring the big question 'What makes the Earth active and what impact does it have on humans?'. We will be exploring environmental issues and natural disasters such as earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. Please see our enquiry web for further details.

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 and writing and all subjects at school. If your child reads an extract of a book at home on their own then we encourage them to write in their home school diary what they have read. The children are improving well with their weekly spelling tests. Please continue to practise these spelling patterns at home. For most children we will now be looking at the year three spelling patterns and common exception words, these are more challenging. If your child struggles with spellings 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, where children will have a choice of task to complete. In year 3, we have high expectations of children with regards to homework and we ask that every child completes it and to the highest standards expected in class.

The children will continue to work on times tables awards so please take some time to practise their set tables (see the sheet they bring 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.

Just a few usual reminders:

Please ensure that your child always brings a **water bottle** to school - water only, no squash please.

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. 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.

We can't thank you enough for your support last term in what proved to be quite challenging with both classes having to adapt to home learning for a short time.

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

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