



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.

We are very excited to be performing our year 3 production on Tuesday 8th February - more details to follow.

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 Go-read app so we can celebrate reading in class.

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 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, 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. 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.

We can't thank you enough for your support last term and look forward to a very busy term,

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



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Miss Wilson and Mr Carter and the year 3 team



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