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Love, Laugh and
Learn.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after half term. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break! We wanted to let you know about topic changes this half term and to give a few notices and prompts.

What to Bring to School Each Day

Pupils should pack a drink bottle (containing water only) and their reading folder, containing their reading book and diaries. Please could reading diaries be in school every day as these are needed when reading in school. Please make sure all personal items and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. We also advise that toys remain at home where they are safe.

Reminder: Jewellery (apart from a single stud earring in each ear) should not be worn, although we would encourage the children to wear a wrist watch, as this helps with the teaching of time.

Unfortunately, not all of the children are able to take their earrings out for themselves still. As staff are not allowed to do this for them, there are a few children who have missed some PE sessions so please ensure their earrings are removed on PE days.

Hair must be tied back at all times and any hair accessories need to be school colours (blue/white).

Physical Education

Our PE days are as follows:

- Monday Afternoon - Outdoor PE
- Wednesday Afternoon - Indoor PE

Topics

We would be grateful if you could continue to support your child's learning by discussing with them what they have learnt in school. These are the only items that should be brought into school to 'show and tell'.

Our next topic is "Bronze age to Iron age" where we will be comparing houses, tools and monuments. We will also be looking at farming and hill forts. This links back to our first topic 'Stone Age'.

In science, the children will be learning all about magnets and forces. They will be carrying out investigations to find out how they work. In RE, we will be studying Gospels. In computing, the children will be becoming presenters. They will start to use a software to create their own video.



The children will be continuing to learn the glockenspiel on a Tuesday and ask for these to be in school on this day.

Home Learning

As a school, we believe that family time is extremely important and that onerous amounts of homework impact negatively upon this time. However, we do recognise the importance of regular reading, spelling and times table practice so ask that these be completed at home.

Reading – Daily reading with your child is vital for them to make the expected level of progress, both with their reading fluency and comprehension skills. Reading diaries should be completed by an adult each time they read with your child and should be sent into school daily. Your child will receive a team point for reading at home three or more times per week.

Spelling –Please help your child to learn their spellings over each half-term. These will continue to be sent home and tested half-terminly. It is evident that the children within year 3 are trying very hard to learn their spellings and we are very pleased with their progress so far.

Multiplication Tables – The government expect all children to be able to recall their multiplication tables up to 12x12 by the end of their time in Year 4. Our weekly times table tests will continue to be on Fridays and children will bring these home to share with you. We have noticed a great increase in children practicing their times tables on TT Rock stars at home, which is super to see.

Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about your child, then please speak to us in the first instance, however, we cannot hold discussions with parents at the start of the school day as we are supervising the children. It is possible to arrange a telephone call during the day for urgent issues and also to leave messages via the school office.

We are really looking forward to working with your children this half term and to see them develop even more. If you have any concerns or need or need to contact us please do not hesitate.

Yours sincerely

The Year 3 team

