

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and we wish you all a very happy new year.

This term, your children will be consolidating things they have learnt in the Autumn term as well as learning new skills and expanding their knowledge. Our new topic is "Foot Prints From The Past". We will be continuing to learn about the Stone Age to the Iron Age as well as finding out about rocks and fossils. This will build links between history and science.

Parents are requested to ensure that children bring their book bags with their reading records to school everyday. We aim to change their books once a week. Pupils are encouraged to read regularly.

Thank you once again for your support.,

Mr Bolt and Ms Kirwan

P.E Kits

Yr 3 PE day—Tuesday



Pupils are expected to bring in their P.E every Monday. Please ensure that all P.E kits are labelled.

This should consist of :

- Red t-shirt
- Blue shorts or jogging bottoms
- Plimsolls or trainers

P.E kits should be taken home on Friday.

Times tables

It is essential that you practice times tables with your children. We are currently doing work involving formal written methods to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers. It is expected that the children already know their 1,2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables. Those children that don't know them will struggle to keep up. Please practice daily.



Y3 Dates for your diary

January

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| 8 th | Year 3 trip to Pizza Express |
| 16 th | RE Day |
| WB 21 st | Healthy living week |
| 21 st | After school clubs start |
| 22 nd | Teachfit Day |
| 28 th | Maths week |
| 30 th | Parent Maths workshop Y1&2 @ 9.15 |

February

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| 8 th | Chinese New Year assembly Y1,2&3 @ 9.30 |
| WB | 18 th -22 nd - HALF TERM |
| 25 th | School open to pupils |

March

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| 4 th | Book Week |
| 7 th | World Book Day |
| 21 st | Parents' Evening 4-8pm |
| 27 th | Year 3 music performance @2pm |

April

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| 4 th | Easter Assembly Year 4 @ 9.30 |
| 5 th | Last Day of term (own clothes day) 2pm finish |

Unicef Rights of the Childs

The children will be continuing to learn about their rights as a child.

Value of the month

Values for this term are as follows:

- January— Optimism
- February— Flexibility

Supporting your child's Writing.

When helping your child with their writing could you try to encourage the use of:

- **Punctuation**, e.g. capital letters, full stops, question marks and explanation marks.
- **Interesting words**, e.g. describing appearance, texture, feeling etc.
- **Openers** eg. then, soon, after, before, during, it, the
- **Connectives**, such as the words but, so, because, while etc to help connect simple ideas / sentences together.
- **Cursive handwriting**, as it will help them to form the letters correctly.
- **Phonics**, e.g. to sound out the spelling of unfamiliar words.

Essential Reading At Home

We would like to remind you that it is vital that you read with your children at home on a daily basis. Children who are regularly read with at home achieve at a much quicker rate. It is essential for their progress and development in year 3.

