

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Year 3 Parents,

We hope that your children are beginning to settle into Junior life. It is a time of change for them and they are all doing so well with the new routines and expectations that come with the transition to Year 3.

We wanted to take this opportunity to outline some of the key information for the coming year.

### **Topics**

We cover many exciting topics in Year 3 including learning about: Skeletons, the Local Area, Keeping Healthy, The Stone Age, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, Volcanoes, the Romans, the Lake District and Plants. Further information about all our work is available on the Curriculum Overviews on our website and we will be updating the Year 3 area with photographs over the year.

### **Homework**

We are going to focus on Maths for the first half-term's homework. Your child will bring home their **Maths** homework book every **Thursday**. They should complete one full page please. Homework must be returned to school by the following **Tuesday**.

**Spellings** will be given to your child every **Thursday** with the test being the following **Thursday**.

Please support your child in looking for patterns within the spellings and help them understand the meaning of the words. Encouraging them to use the words in sentences can be beneficial to this.

**Times tables** will be tested fortnightly on a **Friday**. Please practise these often with your child and also allow them to access **Times Table Rockstars**.

**Reading** – please hear your child read and discuss their book with them (every night if possible), signing their Reading Record when you do so. Access to **Bug Club** is also to be encouraged as this helps with the children's comprehension skills.

### **PE**

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child has a **named** PE kit in school at all times.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support in all the above areas. We appreciate how difficult it can be to fit everything in with busy family lives but the work you do at home with your child really does have an impact on their learning and progress so every little helps!

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact one of us either in the playground at the end of the day or via the school office.

We look forward to working with your children this year and helping them to achieve their very best.

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