



# Year 3 Learning Letter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term of Year 3. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and New Year and managed to rest a little during the break! Everyone in the Year 3 team would also like to say a huge thank you for your generous gifts at the end of last term. A special thanks must also go to our lovely class reps who organised the gifts, so **THANK YOU!**

## What we've been up to and what's coming next:

- In **English**, we have started learning about stories set at the coast, using 'Dolphin Boy' by Michael Morpurgo. Our next story will be 'Peter's Place' by Sally Grindley.
- In **Maths**, we have started using our recall of multiplication tables for related facts and will learn to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.
- In **Science**, we are learning about differentiating rocks and their properties.
- In **Topic**, we have started learning about the UK and its countries, cities, rivers, and seas.

## WANTED!!

Any small cardboard boxes approx. the size of the mini cereal boxes (very specific). See the photo for reference:



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Please send to Toucans if you have anything like this and we will take donations of boxes until the end of January.  
Thank you in advance!

## Spelling patterns

- 08/01:** Revision of the suffixes '-ed' and '-ing'.  
**15/01:** Revision of the suffixes '-er' and '-est'.  
**22/01:** Revision of the suffixes '-ed' and '-ing' with doubling the consonant.  
**29/01:** Revision of the suffixes '-er' and '-est' with doubling the consonant.

## Homework

This week, the children have been set a mapping task to link with our Geography unit, alongside their usual spellings work. Next week, they will have a research task on the palaeontologist Mary Anning:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zf6vb>

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## Swimming and P.E.

Reminder that Year 3 will continue to swim through the Spring term (Tuesdays and Thursdays) until Easter break. P.E. is on a Tuesday with Mrs Ottaway, which is Football. Please ensure your child has appropriate layers, hats, gloves, and footwear for the cold weather on P.E. and swimming days as well as a coat (and shin pads on Tuesdays). Thank you for your support and understanding!

## KIRFs

The next Year 3 Key Instant Recall Fact is:  
**to know all multiplication and division facts for the 8 times table.**

Please keep using TTRS for this KIRF!

## Parent/Teacher Consultations

These will take place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. The booking system will go live on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm**, closing on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 8am**. After the booking has closed, you will need to contact the office if you would like an appointment. We look forward to seeing you to talk about your lovely children! These will take place in the Brockham Hall again, please see last week's Newsletter for more details.

## Dates for the diary:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Children's Mental Health Week

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Safer Internet Day

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** P/T Consultations 4.30-7.00pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February:** P/T Consultations 3.30-6.00pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Break up for Half Term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Children return to school

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Break up for Easter @1.15pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** Year 3 Nower Wood trip (more info to follow soon).



Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr. Evenden and Miss Tennent

