



Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term in Year 3. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and New Year and managed to rest a little during the break! Starting our new term, we are now building on the good work of last term, with a focus on listening skills and independence. 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!

The next two weeks:

- In **English**, we are learning about stories with a familiar setting.
- In **Maths**, we will start looking at length and perimeter.
- In Science, we will explore soils and fossils, having looked at rocks for the first two weeks of term.
- In **Topic**, we are learning about the UK's counties, rivers, and seas.
- In **Computing**, we are learning about coding using Scratch to create a Basketball game!
- In **P.E.**, we are continuing Netball and Hockey.
- In **P.S.H.E.**, we are looking Jigsaw Piece 3 'Dreams and Goals'.

Swimming and P.E.

As mentioned in the last Learning Letter, we now have two P.E. lessons each week and Swimming only continues for the children in the booster groups who now swim on a Tuesday this term! All the children will swim as a P.E. lesson again after Easter.

On Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Ottaway, the children are doing Hockey and require gum shields and shin pads. On Friday afternoons it is Netball so the children won't need anything additional. Thank you. We need no more cardboard boxes! Thank you for all your donations, we have received more than enough (always good to have spares). Look forward to seeing our upcycling towards the end of the half term!

<u>KIRFs</u>

The current Year 3 Key Instant Recall Fact is:

to know all multiplication and division facts for the 8 times table.

Additional information regarding the KIRFs and ways to work on them at home can be found on the school website. TTRS is the best resources for this, which we use in school every week as well.

<u>Homework</u>

This week we have set the first Homework and Spellings of the term. This week and next week the homeworks are Geography based, looking at town symbols and mapping. Homework is sent home on a Thursday and

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Spelling Patterns

Week beginning 08/01: the /l/ sound spelt 'al'. Week beginning 15/01: the /ch/ sound spelt 'tch'. Week beginning 22/01: add suffixes '-ing', '-er' and, '-ed' to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant after a single vowel (fit -> fitting).

Reminders

Parent Teacher consultations will take place on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February. Have a lovely weekend, Mr. Evenden and Miss Tennent