



Thank you all for joining us again for Parent/Teacher consultations this week. We love being able to talk about the wonderful work your children are doing in school and how they are growing over their time at North Downs. Year 3 really enjoyed the activities we have taken part in this week to highlight the importance of our mental wellbeing, what it means to have a voice, and why their voice matters.



- After Half Term:**
- In **English**, we will look at persuasive letter writing.
 - In **Maths**, we will start learning about fractions.
 - In **Science**, we will finish off looking at rocks, soils, and fossils before moving onto learning about plants.
 - In **Topic**, we will learn about the South East of England.
 - In **French**, we will learn about the French names for different animals.
 - In **R.E.**, we will learn about Judaism and important times for Jewish people.
 - In **P.S.H.E.**, we will look at Jigsaw Piece 4 'Healthy Me'.
 - In **P.E.**, we will be doing Dance and finishing off our Hockey unit.

Homework

No additional work this week, just more time to complete the Maths Challenge set last Thursday. This is not due until **Tuesday 20th February**.

After Half Term, we will begin to set some Homework activities on Spellzone. Before the work is set, it would be really helpful for the children to log on and have a play around (maybe edit/design their avatar or show you how we use Spellzone in school) especially if they haven't logged on from home before. Their login is the same as our other sites. Any teething issues, let us know!

Spelling Patterns

Week beginning 19/02: add the suffix '-ly' to root words.

Week beginning 26/02: the /ay/ sound spelt 'ei', 'ey', and 'eigh'.

Dates for next term

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (and dress up!)

Friday 22nd March: World Maths Day

Thursday 28th March: Break up for Easter Holidays (KS1 at 1.00pm, KS2 at 1.15pm)

Thursday 2nd May: Year 3 trip to Nower Wood! (more info to follow next term)

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Thursday 23rd May: Maypole Day (then break up for Half Term)

Friday 24th May: INSET Day

Reminders

After Half Term, Swimming continues only for the booster groups on a Tuesday. All of Year 3 will swim again after the Easter break. Also, please continue sending your child in with their gum shield and shin pads for a few catch up weeks of Hockey (because of the rain at the start of term!)

World Book Day

This year World Book Day falls on **Thursday 7th March**. We invite children to come dressed as a book character of their choice. There is no expectation for any sort of donation - just the fun of it! We look forward to seeing the inventive costumes!

Have a fantastic Half Term!
Mr. Evenden and Miss Tennent