



Tuesday 7th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely break and are refreshed and ready for the new term. We have lots of exciting things to learn about this half-term. Two of the things I am most excited to share with you are that we will be learning about volcanoes and how they happen in Geography and about desktop publishing and its' benefits in Computing.

Forest School and PE

Our arrangements for PE are slightly different to usual this term. We will also be enjoying Forest School sessions each week, as follows:

- Monday afternoon Forest School
- Thursday morning outdoor PE. This is being led by a coach from Herefordshire Cricket. It will be moved indoors in the case of inclement weather.

Seesaw

Seesaw will be updated weekly with spellings for that week (the first list will go online Friday 10th Jan). Going forward, I will also be using Seesaw as a point of contact regarding any changes you may need to be aware of, i.e. things that need to be brought in or changes to the timetable. Please also use it to post any home learning you complete- if something is added to Seesaw I can make time for your child to show the rest of the class what they have been doing, should they wish to. If you have any problems accessing Seesaw, please let me know and I can generate a new login code for you.

Spellings

Please continue to encourage children to use their graffiti spelling books to practice spelling at home. These books will come home each day and need to return each morning. It is very important that your children are taking time to practice their spellings at home as we are working to build on our knowledge of Key Stage 2 spellings.

Times Table Rockstars

It is no secret that Year 4 and 6 have dominated the TTRS challenge so far this year. This term, I am going to be pushing for Year 3 to take the crown from them! Children will have some time in school to access their accounts but regular engagement at home is an excellent way to improve their skills (and beat the other classes!). So far, we have learnt the 2,5,10,3 and 4 times tables in class and the children should be practicing these regularly on TTRS. During the term, I will also be introducing the 8 times table. If you have any problems logging in or using TTRS please let me know as soon as possible.

Home Reading

When you have heard your child read, please log it on BoomReader. We are expecting children to be reading a minimum of 4 times a week in Year 3. This gives them a really good chance of making a good level of progress across the year. If you require any support with home reading or if it is difficult for you to access BoomReader, please let me know so I can offer the right support.

Home Learning

A home learning menu for this half-term will be uploaded to your child's Seesaw account shortly. This will contain a variety of optional activities that will align with our current topics. Please upload photos of these activities to Seesaw so that we can share them with the class.

Coats and water-bottles

We enjoy getting outside in all weathers to get some fresh air and have a run around. Please could you make sure that your child brings a named coat (preferably waterproof) to school every day so that we can continue to enjoy playtimes whatever the weather. Please also make sure your child brings a water bottle to school so that they can keep hydrated.

Summer Term residential

Finally some exciting news! the dates for our overnight residential trip to OakerWood are as follows: 6th May 2025 to 7th May 2025. These dates have previously been shared with you but I wanted to ensure everyone has them. Further details of this trip will be provided in due course.

I will continue to be in contact with you all throughout the term, but if there is anything I can help with, please send me an email or catch me at pick-up. If you would ever like a more formal conversation, please let me know and we can arrange an appropriate time.

Many thanks for your continued support.



Mr Coutts
Year 3 Class Teacher